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NAPCRG Develops Targets and Indicators of Success

One result of NAPCRG's growth over recent years has been an increasing need to be more strategic in our management. The NAPCRG Board is committed to setting a course for our organization that builds on the things that have made NAPCRG so successful in the past, while still actively fostering new innovations. NAPCRG has far more ideas and opportunities for new activities than we can possibly accomplish, and discussions of our possibilities need to be accompanied by a solid sense of our core values and goals. The Board does not want to stifle the creativity of its members in coming up with ideas for new things NAPCRG should be doing – but we also have to be realistic about what we actually can and should try to accomplish with our available resources. A focus of recent NAPCRG Board of Directors meetings, along with a retreat of a small task force of Board members, has been an examination of our core beliefs and values, the development of a set of targets for NAPCRG for the next few years, and also the creation of indicators that we can use to keep track of our success in reaching those targets. These targets will assist the Board with making decisions about

potential initiatives, and the indicators will help us to make sure that we are accomplishing the things that are most important to us. NAPCRG Committees, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and members can and should use the targets as a road map to help guide their activities as well.

president's message

With this in mind, at our most recent meeting at Tucson, the Board approved the following set of overarching goals for the next few years:

Goal 1: Serve as an Incubator for New Ideas—Increase the mix, increase the emotional engagement, provide a safe environment.

Goal 2: Increase Capacity for Conducting Research—Assist members in acquiring the attributes required for performance or accomplishment. Use advocacy and research capacity building efforts to develop investigators, methods, laboratories, funding, and programs.

Goal 3: Enhance Communication in Support of Primary Care Research—Generate new opportunities for (a) feedback, (b) dissemination, (c) intercommunication, and (d) engagement of other appropriate disciplines and audiences, eg, subspecialties, media, insurance companies.

Goal 4: Link Primary Care Research With Patient Care and Education—Enhance the synergy between primary care research and clinical care, and primary care education.

There are more specific targets for each of these goals, and the complete document can be found on our NAPCRG Web site, at www.napcr.org/webindicators.doc. We will reexamine these goals, targets, and indicators on a regular basis, and we certainly welcome your questions and feedback.

—Perry Dickinson, MD

Posters are a valued component of the NAPCRG Annual Meeting. The 2006 conference featured 230 posters. Participants rated the poster presentations a 4.29 (on a scale of 1-5, with 5=excellent).



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NAPCRG Honors Professor Kinmonth as 2006 Wood Award Recipient

At the 2006 NAPCRG Annual Meeting, **Ann-Louise Kinmonth, MD, FMedSci**, was recognized with the prestigious Wood Award for Lifetime Contribution to Primary Care. She joins a distinguished list of past recipients in this honored NAPCRG tradition.

Dr Kinmonth is foundation professor of General Practices at the University of Cambridge, UK. In her own words and taken from her bio published in the awards luncheon brochure, this is how she describes her journey, interests, and many achievements in primary care medicine.

Brought up in the rural English Midlands with a wild Irish father, a romantic English mother, three siblings, dogs, horses, and hamsters, I developed a strong interest in biology. Early forays into veterinary science led to an unfortunate meeting with a young bull, and I decided on medicine. I became a rather serious medical student at the University of Cambridge, graduating in 1972 as an exhibitor with a first-class degree in applied biology. I undertook clinical study at St Thomas' Hospital in London. I trained as a GP in Oxfordshire (1982) and wrote an MD on the relationship between diet and diabetic control in childhood (1989) before becoming Principal in General Practice at the Aldemoor Health Centre, Southampton (1983-1996).

I was lecturer, senior lecturer, reader, and professor in primary medical care in the University of Southampton (1983-1996) and moved to the University of Cambridge in 1997 to the Foundation Chair of General Practice. The Cambridge Unit has



Dr Kinmonth received the 2006 Wood Award at this year's annual meeting in Tucson, Ariz. Celebrating with her was the award's namesake, Maurice Wood, MD

established a strong research reputation in the United Kingdom and is now a founding member of our National School of Primary Care Research.

My research focuses on the doctor-patient relationship and the development and evaluation of complex behavioral interventions to minimize the burden of chronic diseases in the United Kingdom. I have led the development of multi-disciplinary teams, primary care networks, and development of clinical academic careers in general practice.

I am a fellow of the Zoological Society of London and have contributed to the conservation of the Indian elephant and the Galapagos giant tortoise.

Congratulations to Dr Kinmonth, NAPCRG's latest Wood Award recipient.

Call for 2007 Wood Award Nominations

The Maurice Wood Award for Lifetime Contribution to Primary Care Research is given annually to honor a researcher who has made outstanding contributions to primary care research over the course of a lifetime. Scientists from all nations, working in all professional fields and scientific disciplines, are eligible to receive the Wood Award, which is presented at the Annual Meeting of the North American Primary Care Research Group. The award is named in honor of Maurice Wood, an early leader in primary care research and a founder of NAPCRG.

Previous recipients are: Curtis Hames, MD, (1995), Martin Bass, MD, MSc (1996), Frans JA Huygen, MD (1997), Jack Medalie, MD, MPH (1998), Kerr White, MD (1999), and Barbara Starfield, MD (2000), Ian McWhinney, MD (2001), Walter Rosser, MD (2002), Michael Klein, MD, CCFP (2003), Larry Green, MD (2004), Henk Lamberts, MD, PhD (2005), and Ann-Louise Kinmonth, MD, FMedSci (2006).

NAPCRG solicits nominees for the annual Wood Award from members and other professionals. To nominate an individual for the 2007 Wood Award, submit a letter describing the nominee's contributions to primary care research and state why the person should be a candidate. Include a CV with the nomination letter. Send nominations by **April 11, 2007**, to NAPCRG via e-mail at napcrgr@stfm.org.

Please note that nominations are held in the selection pool for 3 years. After that point, individuals will have to be re-nominated to be considered. Contact the NAPCRG office if you have questions.

The NAPCRG Annual Meeting increasingly draws attendees from all over the world. This year, the attendee mix was 65% from the United States, 24% from Canada, and 10% International.

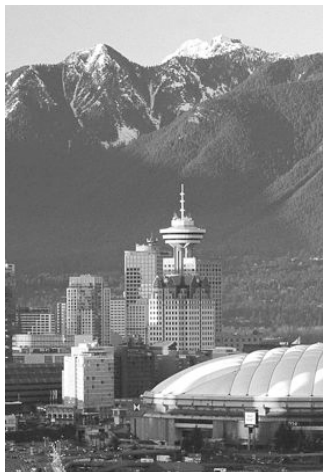


NAPCRG 2007 Call for Papers

**Submission Deadline:
April 17, 2007**

The Call for Papers for the 2007 NAPCRG Annual Meeting, October 20-23 in Vancouver, British Columbia, is now posted on the NAPCRG Web site at www.napcr.org/napcrpresenter/submission/.

All submissions for a paper, poster, workshop, forum, or preconference session must be received using our convenient and secure online system. All researchers from around the world are welcome to submit presentations on any topic related to primary care research.



US Citizens Will Need Passports to Attend NAPCRG 2007 Annual Meeting

For those Americans planning to attend the 2007 Annual Meeting in Vancouver, you will need a passport to reenter the United States.

Beginning January 23, 2007, all persons traveling by **air** between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will be required to present a valid passport, Air NEXUS card, US Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document, or an Alien Registration Card, Form I-551, if applicable.

The passport requirement does NOT apply to US citizens traveling to or returning directly from a US territory. US citizens returning directly from a US territory are not considered to have left the United States and do not need to present a passport. US territories include the following: Guam, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Puerto Rico is the site of the 2008 NAPCRG Annual Meeting.

HELPFUL LINKS:

How to get a passport quickly:
www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_831.html

Where to apply in the US:
www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_832.html

How to apply in person:
www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html

How to renew a passport:
www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/renew/renew_833.html

Guidelines for applications and forms:
www.travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html

SAPC to Hold 36th Annual Meeting in London

The Society of Academic Primary Care (SAPC) exists to support, encourage, and facilitate excellence in research, education, and related policy development in general practice and primary care. Its Annual Scientific Meeting is a forum for the exchange of information and ideas that allows primary care undergraduate education and research to flourish. Invited speakers include Prof. Sally Davies, NAPCRG member Dr Doug Kamerow, Prof. Mayur Lakhani, Prof. Gianni Tognoni, and 2000 NAPCRG Wood Award recipient Prof. Barbara Starfield.

The 36th Annual Scientific Meeting for the SAPC will be held July 4-6, 2007, at Kensington Town Hall in London. The theme for 2007 is "Primary Care Research for Better Health: Delivering International Excellence." Abstracts can be submitted now through Friday, March 9th online. For more information or to submit an abstract, please visit the SAPC Web site at www.sapc.ac.uk, then click on Annual Scientific Meeting 2007.

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NAPCRG Establishes Innovation Fund

For NAPCRG to continue to grow and increase our value to our members, it is vital to preserve and expand the spirit of innovation that has been a core value throughout our organization's history. Many collaborative research projects have grown out of formal and less formal groups of NAPCRG members who have come together at our annual meetings. The publication of "Responsible Research with Communities: Participatory Research in Primary Care," which grew out of a 1996 Annual Meeting workshop on "Respectful Research with Communities," is a great example of an important and innovative product of a group of people with shared interests who came together at NAPCRG. As NAPCRG grows, we would like to increasingly encourage the activities of these innovators. To further foster these activities, the Board has set aside \$10,000 this fiscal year for innovative projects by any group of at least three NAPCRG members with shared interests.

Application Process:

Any group (of at least three NAPCRG members) with an innovative idea for a collaborative project can request up to \$2,000 by providing the following:

- Application form
- Summary of the idea and activity to be undertaken (maximum of two pages) —See selection criteria for important issues to address in project summary
- Overall project budget

Selection Criteria:

1. Potential Significance
 - Potential to address a topic important to the mission and goals of NAPCRG
 - Potential to address one or more NAPCRG priorities and/or indicators of success

2. Potential for Innovation
 - Potential to address an important topic in an innovative way and/or using an innovative strategy
 3. Potential Contribution
 - Potential to contribute new knowledge or advance an existing body of knowledge
 4. Potential Usability
 - Potential for the project to yield a product that is usable for NAPCRG's membership and constituencies
- Information about this fund and the application form is available

at www.napcr.org/innovation.htm
Submit project proposals to Stacy Brungardt, CAE, napcr.org@stfm.org, for presentation to the Executive Committee of the Board (consisting of the president, president-elect or immediate past-president, the secretary-treasurer, and the executive director). The Executive Committee has been empowered by the Board to make a quick decision on these proposals. The proposal's primary contact will be notified about the funding decision.

2007 Canadian National Physician Survey Is Underway

The envelopes and e-mails have been sent, and the 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) is now in the field.

The 2007 Canadian National Physician Survey is the only national level survey of all practicing physicians, second-year residents, and medical students in Canada. It is led by a partnership of the College

second edition of the survey will paint an up-to-date and comprehensive picture of where medicine is today in Canada, and where it is going. The resultant information will be widely shared through a Web site, publications, and the work of researchers who will mine the data to meet specific challenges. For more information on this year's survey and to view the full

Attention: Canadian FPs—Watch for the bright white envelope with the familiar NPS logo, keep an eye on your e-mail, and take advantage of this opportunity to help shape the future of medicine in Canada.

of Family Physicians of Canada, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and the Canadian Medical Association. Survey questions range from physician place of work and method of remuneration, to patient workloads, and plans for the future. The data gathered from this

results of the 2004 edition, visit www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca.

We welcome researchers from around the world to log into our Web site, where we are willing to share the findings.

—Inese Grava-Gubins,
CFPC Director of Research

mission & goals

Formed in 1972, the North American Primary Care Research Group is a multidisciplinary organization for primary care researchers in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and throughout the world, with a mission to develop, disseminate, and promote new knowledge regarding primary care.

NAPCRG's goals are to:

- Serve as an incubator for new ideas
- Increase the capacity for conducting research
- Enhance communication in support of primary care research
- Link primary care research with patient care and education

NAPCRG Launches New Consultants Directory

In response to the need for access to consultation and collaboration, NAPCRG has developed an online Consultants Directory, which is ready for use. The directory includes more than 80 topics in research development and design, qualitative and quantitative methods, and technologies. The 50+ consultants in the directory have an average of 16 years of research experience.

Levels of Consultation

Five levels of consultation are available:

1. Resource: A brief consultation to answer questions or provide resources

2. Teaching: An extended consultation in which the consultant will instruct the member in a specific topic

3. Review of manuscripts or grant proposals: Expert critique focused on a specific area of the consultant's expertise

4. Grant consulting: Assistance in grant preparation in exchange for inclusion on the proposal as a consultant

5. Co-investigator: Assistance in grant preparation in exchange for inclusion on the grant proposal as co-investigator

Because levels 2-5 involve considerable time and effort for the consultant, members using these services need to recognize that compensation for the consultant may be appropriate. At levels 4 and 5, compensation should take the form of inclusion on grant proposals. However, for levels 2 and 3, members using the directory should be prepared to offer consultants compensation for their time. Suggested fees for these activities are available on-line, but ultimately compensation must be negotiated between the member and the consultant.

Accessing the Directory

To access the Consultants Directory, go to the NAPCRG Web site (www.napcr.org) and click on "Membership". Look for "Consultants Directory" and click on it to see the description of the directory. At the bottom of the screen, click on Consultants Directory and enter the username and password. The directory has a robust search function that allows you to search for a consultant in a

variety of ways, by topic, by name, by city, and by level of consultation. This directory will also be on the home page for a period of time.

We encourage you to use the directory. Remember that the consultants are experienced researchers who have volunteered to participate. Please use them appropriately and understand their need for compensation if requested. Also note that this is a members-only service. Only current NAPCRG members will be able to use the directory and serve as consultants.

I want to thank **Jim Galliher, PhD**, from the Membership Committee, and **Mindy Spano**, from the AAFP National Research Network staff, for their behind-the-scenes work to develop the list of consultants for this directory.

We welcome your feedback on this new member service. At the end of the year, the Membership Committee will evaluate the experience of both members and consultants.

—*David Katerndahl, MD,*
Membership Committee Chair

Two New Journals Join with NAPCRG

We would like to introduce you to two new international journals partnering with NAPCRG. You may link to these journals from the NAPCRG Web site at www.napcr.org/journallinks.htm.

Quality in Primary Care

www.radcliffe-oxford.com

Quality in Primary Care is an international peer reviewed journal for those researching, teaching, or practicing in the fields of quality improvement, clinical governance, or clinical audit related to primary and pre-hospital care. The journal is concerned with all aspects of quality and quality improvement in primary and pre-hospital care and the interfaces between primary, secondary, and social care. We publish high-quality original research that advances knowledge on these topics generalizable to other settings and countries and from other disciplines related to medicine, including nursing, practice management, professions allied to medicine, and social science.

This is the first international journal devoted solely to the topic of quality in primary health care. We intend the journal to fulfill the following functions:

- To encourage the scientific study of quality improvement by publication of relevant research
- To chart the development of local, national, and international quality systems
- To create and support a community of people interested in quality improvement
- To act as an ambassador for better patient standards and for quality generally

- To campaign for important issues in quality and to promote best practice in quality improvement
- To act as a resource for clinicians charged with leading quality in primary health care by publishing examples of effective quality improvement projects
- To debate and critique health service policy relating to quality
- To act as a sounding board for new ideas, to stimulate debate, and encourage innovation
- To provide a platform for international exchange
- To promote a better understanding of patient involvement

The journal is supported by a strong Editorial Board that includes colleagues from the United Kingdom, United States, Europe, and Australia.

We feel that our affiliation with NAPCRG will do much to support international dialogue and the future development of the journal in this important and growing area of primary care, and we look forward to a long and productive association.

—*Professor A. Niroshan Siriwardena*
Editor, Quality in Primary Care

New member benefit

Quality in Primary Care will offer a first-year discounted library subscription price of \$200 US for NAPCRG members' employing institutions. To obtain this one-time discount, institutions should (1) mention the name of the NAPCRG member employed at the

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Meet the Board

Each time a new member joins the NAPCRG Board of Directors, we publish a brief biographical sketch to introduce these individuals to the membership. In this issue, we highlight Rick Glazier, MD, and Peter Abadir, MD.

Rick Glazier, MD, MPH

CFPC Section of Researchers Representative

Dr Glazier is currently leader of the Primary Care and Population Health Program at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences and a scientist with the Centre for Research on Inner City Health at St. Michael's Hospital, both in Toronto, Ontario. His research focuses on health disparities and delivery of primary care services. For several years he has led a group examining changes over time in health and health care for low-income and immigrant populations in Toronto. Innovative work in this area has included incorporation of temporal-

spatial methods, use of geographic information systems, and development of detailed neighborhood profiles. Most recently, he has been using provincial population and provider data to examine the impact of new models of primary care in Ontario, with a focus on changes in access to care, quality of care, and health care disparities.

He also currently serves as chair of the Section of Researchers at the College of Family Physicians of Canada. In this role, his main goal is to increase the profile of and funding for family medicine research and research training in Canada.

Peter Abadir, MD

US Resident/Student Representative

Dr Abadir currently serves as chief resident at the University of Kentucky, East Kentucky Family Medicine Residency. Prior to that, he was a post doctoral research fellow at the University of Virginia, Endocrine Division. He has focused his clinical interest in cardiovascular and renal endocrinology and his research on the hormonal control of blood pressure and hypertension.

He has received many awards from national organizations such as the American Heart Association, The Endocrine Society, Merck Pharmaceutical, Aventis Pharmaceutical, Pharmacia Pharmaceutical, and the National Institutes of Health in recognition for his work in the field of hypertension. He has also published several papers in peer-reviewed journals and presented his work at the American Academy of Family Physicians Scientific Assembly.

His work on hypertension involves the use of a unique cellular receptor called the AT₂ receptor, which reduces high blood pressure and protects the heart and kidneys. His current study could potentially result in new ways to treat hypertension and other cardiovascular and renal disorders. Most recently, he was recognized with the Merck New Investigator Award recognizing superior scientific and clinical effort at the American Heart Association Annual Meeting. The results of this study, "Angiotensin AT₂ Receptor-Bradykinin B₂ Receptor Functional Heterodimerization: A Marriage of Convenience," was published in *Hypertension*.

Dr Abadir lives in Hazard, KY with his wife, Magdoline, and two sons, Michael and Luke.

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Two New Journals Join with NAPCRG....

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Chronic Illness

www.maney.co.uk/journals/chronicillness

Chronic Illness provides a forum in which researchers, clinicians, policy makers, and people living with chronic illness come together to clarify the common principles underlying the experience and management of chronic illness. Specifically, it publishes high quality original research; informs practices and policies in relation to chronic illness; and provides rigorous insight into the experiences of people living with long term medical conditions.

Chronic Illness is an important journal for those who study, work with, manage, or experience chronic illness. It integrates academic and clinical perspectives, and those of people living with long-term medical conditions. It promotes new thinking about models of illness and care. It considers the range of appropriate clinical and psychosocial interventions, including organizational frameworks at the interface between primary and secondary care. It encourages the study of emerging issues in early diagnostics; outcome based performance, data gathering, and surveil-

lance challenges; aging and developmental issues; the changing self-perceptions of people with chronic illness; quality of life measures and interventions; medication concordance; and the efficacy of self-management strategies, group participation programs, and remote medical management.

Chronic Illness publishes four issues per year. The content is designed to convey key developments arising from conceptual work and primary research including clinical trials and reviews of relevant research published elsewhere, as well as books and conferences.

Chronic Illness is edited by **Christopher Dowrick**, professor of primary medical care in the University of Liverpool, with the support of three coeditors (**Hal Holman**, **John Weinman**, and **Mary Dixon-Woods**) and an international advisory board. Board members are drawn from expert patient groups and from key academic and clinical disciplines.

Abstracting and Indexing services that cite *Chronic Illness* include: *British Nursing Index*, *CINAHL*, *EMBASE*, *EMNursing*, *MEDLINE*, *PsycINFO* and *Scopus*.

—*Christopher Dowrick, MD, MSc,*
Editor, Chronic Illness

Nominations Requested for Future NAPCRG Leaders

The leadership of NAPCRG is critical to NAPCRG's future and to that of primary care research.

Each year, the Nominations Committee presents a slate of candidates for the officers who will lead NAPCRG. As a function of our member-driven organization, the committee invites you to help identify nominees for leadership positions within NAPCRG.

The Nominations Committee requests your input on names of individuals you would like to have considered as candidates for Board positions or other leadership positions within NAPCRG. Opportunities include serving as a special interest group chair, becoming a member on a committee, representing NAPCRG on an Academic Family Medicine Organization sub-

committee, or serving on the NAPCRG Board. Information about current NAPCRG leaders is listed at www.napcr.org/org.html.

If you are interested in serving in a leadership position within NAPCRG, don't be shy! Let us know of your interest. Submit suggestions to **Valerie Gilchrist, MD**, nominations committee chair, at gilchristv@ecu.edu or send them to **Stacy Brungardt, CAE**, NAPCRG executive director, at napcr@stfm.org.

—*Nominations Committee*
Valerie Gilchrist, MD, Chair
Sandra Burge, PhD
June Carroll, MD

William Phillips, MD, MPH
Wayne Putnam, MD
Harry Strothers III, MD, MMM

conference calendar

NAPCRG Annual Meetings:

35th NAPCRG Annual Meeting
October 20–23, 2007
(Saturday-Tuesday pattern)
Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia

36th NAPCRG Annual Meeting
(Additional day added to meeting)
November 15–19, 2008
(Saturday-Wednesday pattern)
Westin Del Mar
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

37th NAPCRG Annual Meeting
November 14–18, 2009
(Saturday-Wednesday pattern)
Le Centre Sheraton
Montreal, Quebec

38th NAPCRG Annual Meeting
November 13–17, 2010
(Saturday-Wednesday pattern)
Westin Seattle
Seattle, Wash

39th NAPCRG Annual Meeting
November 12–16, 2011
(Saturday-Wednesday pattern)
Fairmont Banff Springs
Banff, Alberta

Other Conferences of Note:

2007 STFM Annual Spring Conference
April 25–29, 2007
Chicago
www.stfm.org

College of Family Physicians of Canada
2007 Family Medicine Forum
October 11–13, 2007
Winnipeg
www.cfpc.ca

2007 Scientific Meeting of the Society for Academic Primary Care
July 4–6, 2007
London
www.sapc.ac.uk

GGP Announces Changes and Call for 07-08 Fellows

GGP Exceeds \$100 Million Mark, Announces a New Home Office and Reduced Fees, and Seeks Applications for Next Session

As of this year, the Grant Generating Project (GGP) fellowship will be based at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Department of Family Medicine as **Daniel Longo, ScD**, moves to VCU as of March 1 to become professor of family medicine, director of research, and codirector of ACORN, the Virginia-based Practice-based Research Network. This move, together with a decision for GGP to be operated as a joint project of VCU and the University of Missouri-Columbia, has resulted in a fee reduction for participating fellows to \$1,500, which is paid by the fellow's home department. Those changes were announced by GGP Director Dr Longo.

"In talking with prospective applicants, their department chairs, and others, we realize that family medicine departments are facing budget constraints, and we want GGP to be responsive to these challenges," Dr Longo said. "In planning for this year's program, we made a conscious effort to reduce the program's reliance on paid consultants and have instead added volunteer faculty from both VCU and UMC, without diminishing subject content. This will allow this valuable grantsmanship training to be more easily within the reach of those who

need it.

"The quality of the program will be equal to that of previous years," Dr Longo emphasized. "This is possible because of the generous funding provided by our GGP sponsors, along with many hours of volunteered service on the part of experienced family medicine researchers who serve as GGP faculty and consultants."

GGP has resulted in the generation of \$102 million in grant awards by participating fellows over the life of the program, Dr Longo noted. "GGP remains a cost-effective strategy for departments to train their faculty in the necessary grantsmanship skills needed to secure external funding in this period of fiscal need and increased competition."

GGP is sponsored by NAPCRG, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. The year-long GGP "fellowship without walls" provides hands-on training through a series of workshops, along with individual consultation and mentoring, while fellows actually work on a grant for submission.

Applications for the 2007-2008 program will be accepted beginning in March 2007 and will be due June 30, 2007. Information will be posted on the VCU Web site/research section, www3.vcu.edu/familymedicine/, as

well as the UMC Web site, www.fcm.missouri.edu/research-ggp.htm, as soon as workshop dates and locations are confirmed. Prospective fellows may e-mail Dr Longo at drlongo@vcu.edu and request to receive information on the 2007-2008 fellowship as it becomes available.

—*Shari Schubert*
GGP Program Coordinator

Rosser Named Wonca Global Family Doc of the Month

NAPCRG Past President **Walter Rosser, MD**, was selected as the Wonca Global Family Doctor of the Month for January 2007.

This award is intended to encourage philanthropy among primary care clinicians and to honor doctors giving their time and expertise to their global colleagues and their patients. The award is given to physicians who are recognized by their colleagues as having contributed significantly to the community in which they work by way of their practice, community involvement, charity work, or other humanitarian acts. Congratulations to Dr. Rosser!

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