Announcements

In July, Gillian Currie accepted an Assistant Professorship in the Department of Pediatrics, with a joint appointment in Community Health Sciences. Congratulations Gillian!

Institute 7 News

Pursuant to the approval of Institute 7 by Calgary Health Region and the Faculty of Medicine, we have now established a task group to further the strategy and drive out necessary details for operationalizing our vision. Task group members include: Jeanne Besner, Richard Musto, Brent Friesen, Carol Rimmer, Penny Hawe, Colleen Maxwell, Billie Thurston, Doug Smith and Tom Noseworthy. The first step has been to better understand the Calgary Health Region’s Strategic Research Plan and to better understand how to integrate development of Institute 7 with this plan. Further meetings will take place to develop many of the ideas in the original proposal dealing with such areas as the formulation of a clinical department in public health/community health formulation and a health information observatory, able to report on and conduct research at the population level. The critical element in our ensuing discussions is to develop “coupling mechanisms” which will see the developing Institute 7 align with, and provide a unifying force for, the multiple programs and investigators currently committed to health services and population health research in the Region and across the Campus.

The next several months will result in greater clarity and understanding of the work to be done in shaping this new Institute. In the meantime, we need to be mindful of, and responsive to, developments in the Markin Institute of Public Health and the appointment of the Vice-President, Research, in the Calgary Health Region. This person will play an enormously important role in nurturing the concept of Institute 7 into reality.

As discussions and developments ensue, we will strive to advise broad-based input and information exchange and awareness. Stay tuned…………..

Tom Noseworthy
New Staff

**Georgia Bell**
Georgia has begun a 3 year appointment with Penny Hawe. Georgia comes to us from Saskatchewan Health. She has also worked at University of Saskatchewan in research in empowerment and capacity building. Georgia will be working on the design and evaluation of innovative interventions to arrest poverty cycles and to create new futures and opportunities as part of a whole community intervention with residents and organisations in the neighborhood of Bowness. This project is jointly funded by the United Way.

**Janet de Groot**
Janet has joined the Department of Community Health Sciences and the Centre for Health and Policy Studies as a Visiting Scholar from April 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. She is on sabbatical from the Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care, Princess Margaret Hospital and Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. Among her research interests are eating disorders, psychosocial impacts of cancer, and training of residents. While in Calgary, Janet will work with Billie Thurston and the Institute for Gender Research on a national collaborative proposal for a study of career paths of women in medicine.

**Nicole Skierka**
Nicole has just joined the Centre for Health and Policy Studies. Nicole will be acting as Administrative Assistant to Ann Casebeer, Steven Lewis, Lynn Meadows, Melanie Rock and Guido van Rosendaal. Welcome Nicole!

Grants & Awards

**Carolyn De Coster** was awarded a grant from the Manitoba Health Research Council in the amount of $41,380 to conduct research on the impact of cataracts and cataract surgery on the use of healthcare for injuries, falls, fractures and dependence.

In June 2005, **Steven Lewis** was the recipient of the 2005 Canadian Healthcare Association Award for Distinguished Service. Established in 1949 in memory of health care leader Dr. George Findlay Stephens, the annual award recognizes outstanding achievements and leadership in the Canadian health system. Congratulations Steven!

**Tom Noseworthy** and colleagues were recently awarded 2 grants from the Canadian Institute of Health Research to conduct the following systematic reviews:

1. Sight restoration: benchmark waiting times for cataract removal and corneal transplantation (in the amount of $97,097)
2. Towards establishing evidence-based benchmarks for acceptable waiting times for joint replacement surgery (in the amount of $99,047)
CHAPS Publications

Bagshaw SM, Ghali WA
Theophylline for prevention of contrast-induced nephropathy: a systematic review and meta-analysis.
Arch Intern Med. 2005 May 23;165(10):1087-93

Coffin CS, Saunders C, Thomas CM, Loewen AH, Ghali WA, Campbell NR.
Validity of ICD-9-CM administrative data for determining eligibility for pneumococcal vaccination triggers.

Conner-Spady BL, Sanmugasunderam S, Courtright P, Meldon D, McGurran JJ, Noseworthy TW; Steering Committee of the Western Canada Waiting List Project.
The prioritization of patients on waiting lists for cataract surgery: validation of the Western Canada waiting list project cataract priority criteria tool.
Ophthalmic Epidemiol. 2005 Apr;12(2):81-90

Cujec B, Quan H, Jin Y, Johnson D
Association between physician specialty and volumes of treated patients and mortality among patients hospitalized for newly diagnosed heart failure.
De Coster C, Frohlich N, Dik N.
Estimating nursing home bed demand: 20-year projections from administrative data and stakeholder input.

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Use of acute care hospitals by long-stay patients: Who, how much and why?

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An educational intervention to enhance nurse leaders' perceptions of patient safety culture.
Health Serv Res. 2005 Aug;40(4):997-1020

Graham MM, Ghali WA, Faris PD, Galbraith PD, Tu JV, Norris CM, Zentner A, Knudtson ML; APPROACH Investigators.
Population rates of cardiac catheterization and yield of high-risk coronary artery disease.
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Hawe P, Riley T
Ecological Theory in Practice: Illustrations From a Community-Based Intervention to Promote the Health of Recent Mothers.
Prev Sci. 2005 Jul 26;:1-10 [Epub ahead of print]

Hill MD, Shrive FM, Kennedy J, Feasby TE, Ghali WA
Simultaneous carotid endarterectomy and coronary artery bypass surgery in Canada.
Neurology. 2005 Apr 26;64(8):1435-7

Khoja S, Casebeer A, Young S.
Role of telehealth in seating clinics: a case study of learners' perspectives.

The Women's Recovery from Sternotomy (WREST) study: design of a randomized trial of a novel undergarment for early use after sternotomy.

Lee RC, Kmet L, Cook LS, Lorenzetti D, Godlovitch G, Einsiedel E.
Risk assessment for inherited susceptibility to cancer: a review of the psychosocial and ethical dimensions.
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Lee RC
Life, death and taxes: risk and decision analysis in patient safety

Maxwell CJ, Hicks MS, Hogan DB, Basran J, Ebly EM.
Supplemental use of antioxidant vitamins and subsequent risk of cognitive
decline and dementia.

Moore S, Shiell A, Hawe P, Haines VA.
The privileging of communitarian ideas: citation practices and the translation
of social capital into public health research.

Moore S, Shiell A, Haines V, Riley T, Collier C.
Contextualizing and assessing the social capital of seniors in congregate
housing residences: study design and methods.

Patten SB, Williams JV, Wang J, Adair CE, Brant R, Casebeer A, Barbui C.
Antidepressant pharmacoepidemiology in a general population sample.

Riley T, Hawe P, Shiell A
Contested ground: how should qualitative evidence inform the conduct of a
community intervention trial?
J Health Serv Res Policy. 2005 Apr;10(2):103-10

Shrive FM, Ghali WA, Lewis S, Donaldson C, Knudtson ML, Manns BJ.
Moving beyond the cost per quality-adjusted life year: Modelling the budgetary
impact and clinical outcomes associated with the use of sirolimus-eluting
stents.
Can J Cardiol. 2005 Jul;21(9):783-7

Simon A, Lee RC, Cooke DL, Lorenzetti D
Institutional medical incident reporting systems: a review
Edmonton AB: Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Health Technology
Assessment series, August 2005.

Southern DA, McLaren L, Hawe P, Knudtson ML, Ghali WA
Individual-Level and Neighbourhood-Level Income Measures: Agreement and
Association with outcomes in a cardiac disease cohort.
Medical Care (IN PRESS November 2005)

Public participation in regional health policy: a theoretical framework.
Health Policy. 2005 Sep;73(3):237-52
CHAPS Conference Presentations & Posters

Lindsay McLaren has had 2 poster abstracts accepted for the upcoming North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO) Annual Scientific Meeting in Vancouver:


Robert Lee and colleagues presented/will present papers at the following conferences/meetings:


Lee RC, Patten S. Markov modeling of major depression dynamics. 2005 Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making (October 2005: San Francisco CA)


Gillian Currie, Seija Kromm, Helen Lee and colleagues presented papers at the July International Health Economics Association Conference in Barcelona, Spain:


Workshops & Seminars

Introduction to EndNote  
Thursday September 1  
1:00 – 3:00 pm  
LL 102, Main Floor, Northwest Entrance, MacKimmie Library  
For more information or to register visit: http://commons.ucalgary.ca/workshops/view/1000619

Intermediate EndNote  
Friday September 2  
1:00 – 3:00 pm  
LL 102, Main Floor, Northwest Entrance, MacKimmie Library  
For more information or to register visit: http://commons.ucalgary.ca/workshops/view/1000626

Introduction to Reference Manager  
Wednesday, September 21  
9:00 - 11:00 am  
Health Sciences Information Commons  
For more information or to register visit: http://www.ucalgary.ca/library/medical/HSL2003/coursesoffered.html

Reference Manager Intermediate: Tips & Tricks  
Wednesday September 28  
9:00 - 11:00 am  
Health Sciences Information Commons  
For more information or to register visit: http://www.ucalgary.ca/library/medical/HSL2003/coursesoffered.html

Introduction to Endnote  
Monday October 3  
1:00 – 3:00 pm  
LL 103, Main Floor, Northeast Entrance, MacKimmie Library  
For more information or to register visit: http://commons.ucalgary.ca/workshops/view/1000653

Intermediate EndNote  
Thursday October 6  
4:00 – 5:30 pm  
LL 102, Main Floor, Northwest Entrance, MacKimmie Library  
For more information or to register visit: http://commons.ucalgary.ca/workshops/view/1000659

Conducting a Cochrane Systematic Review: Training for Authors (Saskatoon Health Region)  
Saskatoon SK  
October 13-14 2005  
For more information visit: http://cochrane.mcmaster.ca/workshops.asp
Introduction to Endnote
Monday October 17
1:00 – 3:00 pm
LL 102, Main Floor, Northwest Entrance, MacKimmie Library
For more information or to register visit:
http://commons.ucalgary.ca/workshops/view/1000654

Introduction to Reference Manager
Tuesday October 18
1:00 - 3:00
Health Sciences Information Commons
For more information or to register visit:

Intermediate Endnote
Wednesday October 19
1:00 – 2:30 pm
LL 102, Main Floor, Northwest Entrance, MacKimmie Library
For more information or to register visit:
http://commons.ucalgary.ca/workshops/view/1000657

Reference Manager Intermediate - Tips & Tricks
Tuesday October 25
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Health Sciences Information Commons
For more information or to register visit:

Introduction to Endnote
Tuesday October 25
4:00 – 6:00 pm
LL 102, Main Floor, Northwest Entrance, MacKimmie Library
For more information or to register visit:
http://commons.ucalgary.ca/workshops/view/1000655

Intermediate Endnote
Monday October 31
1:00 – 2:30 pm
LL 102, Main Floor, Northwest Entrance, MacKimmie Library
For more information or to register visit:
http://commons.ucalgary.ca/workshops/view/1000658

Introduction to Endnote
Tuesday November 15
4:00 – 6:00 pm
LL 102, Main Floor, Northwest Entrance, MacKimmie Library
For more information or to register visit:
http://commons.ucalgary.ca/workshops/view/1000656
Intermediate Endnote
Thursday November 17
4:00 – 5:30 pm
LL 102, Main Floor, Northwest Entrance, MacKimmie Library
For more information or to register visit:
http://commons.ucalgary.ca/workshops/view/1000660

Cochrane Review Author Training Workshop
Montreal QUE
November 30-December 1 2005
For more information visit: http://cochrane.mcmaster.ca/workshops.asp

Introduction to Reference Manager
Wednesday December 7
9:00 - 11:00 am
Health Sciences Information Commons
For more information or to register visit:

Reference Manager Intermediate - Tips & Tricks
Wednesday December 14
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Health Sciences Information Commons
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Calls for Papers & Posters

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Recent Reports of Interest

The Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) 2000-01 Statistics Canada
The data provide information on the following variables: self-rated health, self-esteem, body mass index, arthritis/rheumatism, diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, pain or discomfort, risk of depression, injuries, functional health, two-week disability days, activity limitation, smoking, frequency of heavy drinking, leisure time activities, fruit and vegetable consumption, decision latitude at work, social support, stress, exposure to second-hand smoke, influenza immunization, mammogram screenings, Pap tests, contact with health care providers, contact with dental professionals, contact with medical doctors, and contact with professionals for mental health. Data were collected from over 130,000 respondents, aged 12 or older, residing in households across all provinces and territories.

Creating Healthier Communities: a resource pack for local partnerships
This resource pack provides information and suggestions on how to address the complex issues surrounding poor health and health inequalities in UK, with a particular emphasis on the need to engage in partnership working.
http://www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/publications.asp?did=1382

Decentralisation of health care and its impact on health outcomes
This paper by Dolores Jimenez and Peter C Smith (The University of York) explores the impact of health care decentralisation on a characteristic of human development: the overall level of population’s health. The authors use the ten provinces of Canada as a case study. The results of the empirical analysis suggest that decentralisation in Canada did have a positive and substantial influence on the effectiveness of public policy in improving population’s health.
http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/econ/dp/0510.pdf

Decision-Making about New Health Interventions
The report by the National Advisory Committee on Health and Disability makes recommendations about how New Zealand can benefit more from new innovations by encouraging better and more informed decisions about how new drugs, devices and procedures are introduced. It provides a frame of reference from which solutions for specific aspects of decision-making about new interventions can be developed.

Health Care in Canada 2005
This year’s report is divided into two sections: Part A: A Look Inside Canada’s Health System summarizes recent developments in health and health care. It includes an overview of health spending and updated information on how Canadians view the health system and the services that they have received. Part B: A Focus on Volumes and Outcomes includes information on the distribution of select procedures across Canada
and in-depth analyses of the relationship between hospital volumes and patient outcomes.

Health inequalities: concepts, frameworks and policy - Briefing paper
The purpose of this paper by the NHS Health Development Agency (UK) is to highlight some of the conceptual issues relating to socioeconomic inequalities in health. The first section discusses how people have been classified in the UK, and how, using the traditional measure of socioeconomic position, the challenge of health inequalities is being addressed. The second section focuses on ‘determinants’, a core term in the drive to reduce health inequalities, and discusses the difference between determinants of health and determinants of inequalities in health. The distinction between the idea of health disadvantage, health gaps and health gradients is explored in the third section.

The High Cost of High-Cost Users in Manitoba
This study provides a description, within the Province of Manitoba, of highcost users of prescription medications compared with the rest of the population. The intent of this study is to provide a detailed characterization of this population so as to clarify whether its costs can be reduced or whether other interventions are needed.
http://www.umanitoba.ca/centres/mchp/reports/pdfs/high-cost.pdf

Implementation Research: A Synthesis of the Literature
In this report, researchers from the National Implementation Research Network provide a comprehensive view of the current science of implementation and offer practical advice for getting evidence-based practices and programs off the ground successfully. Recommendations gleaned from the authors’ analysis of the current literature will help planners make decisions based on the best available knowledge from fields as diverse as medicine and manufacturing.
http://nirn.fmhi.usf.edu/resources/publications/Monograph/pdf/Monograph_full.pdf

Meta-Analysis of Community Action Projects
Community action processes are effective in addressing complex health, social and environmental problems at a local level. This report is presented in two volumes. Volume One covers the background to the meta-analysis, introducing the concepts of collaboration, participation, relationship building and social change. Volume Two presents the detailed case studies used to inform the analysis in Volume One. This document is available on the website of the New Zealand Ministry of Health.
http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/49ba80c00757b8804c256673001d47d0/23d406566db46887cc256fcb00151d4c?OpenDocument
Researcher – Decision-maker Resource Guide
This guide by Health Organization Studies, University of Alberta is a tool for those who want to better understand researcher - decision-maker collaborations in the health services sector, particularly those collaborations developing organizational knowledge. It is particularly appropriate for researchers, administrators, policy makers, and funders.

Researching income and income distribution as determinants of health in Canada: gaps between theoretical knowledge, research practice, and policy implementation
This research was part of an IPPH initiative to identify gaps in knowledge of “contextual factors” that influence population health.

Unleashing Innovation in Health Systems. Alberta’s Symposium on Health - proceedings
This event was an opportunity for Alberta to explore successful strategies from around the world and identify the innovations that bring about improved health outcomes and drive excellent health system performance. The symposium was a three-day forum hosted by Minister of Health and Wellness, Iris Evans. It was held May 3-5 in Calgary. At the symposium, 28 speakers from nine countries spoke on a range of topics, including improving health status, health human resources, quality and safety, financing and decision making, cost-escalation and e-health. Here are the proceedings.
http://www.health.gov.ab.ca/Symposium/activities.html

The world health report 2005 - make every mother and child count
The World Health Report 2005 – Make Every Mother and Child Count, says that this year almost 11 million children under five years of age will die from causes that are largely preventable. Among them are 4 million babies who will not survive the first month of life. At the same time, more than half a million women will die in pregnancy, childbirth or soon after. The report says that reducing this toll in line with the Millennium Development Goals depends largely on every mother and every child having the right to access to health care from pregnancy through childbirth, the neonatal period and childhood.