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RESOURCES FOR CME PROVIDERS

[A Focus on Conflict of Interest: the FOCI Academe Meeting presentations](#)

Presentations from a recent AAMC-sponsored meeting on COI are available online. If you have an AAMC login, you may access the [presentation site](#); or contact Stacia Gueriguian at: sgueriguian@aamc.org to obtain access code.

[Integrating Quality and Education: the IQ Meeting](#)

Presentations from the recent AAMC-sponsored meeting in Chicago highlight the role of CME and quality improvement – along with other initiatives in UME and (post)graduate education.

[MedEdPORTAL](#): continuing to provide teaching resources, many of use in CME and quality improvement.

[Canada joins international effort to provide access to health research](#)

This is a partnership with the National Research Council's Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, and the US National Library of Medicine developing PubMed Central Canada, a national digital repository of peer-reviewed health and life sciences literature, in order to accelerate the development of discoveries and innovations.

RECENT REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS: New roles, new models for CME

[Health Care Innovation Zones’ legislation introduced in the House](#): ‘HIZ’ refers to regionalized, academic medical center-based, integrated health systems – a new role for continuing education?

[Comparative effectiveness research](#): The Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research supports the dissemination and implementation of CER findings: a new role for Continuing Educators.

[The IOM suggest initial research priorities in CER](#): IOM indicates that a first-level priority for research in comparative effectiveness requires a study of the impact of dissemination and translation techniques to facilitate the use of comparative effectiveness research (CER) by patients, clinicians, payers, and others.

[Partnerships and Citizen Engagement: Launch of the CIHR Partnerships Casebook](#). CIHR has published "Healthier Together: The CIHR Partnerships Casebook". In this publication, many influential and diverse partnership endeavors are described, ranging from researcher-to-researcher partnerships to university-community-policy maker initiatives.

[Private/Public Insurance Choices Could Significantly Reduce Administrative Healthcare Costs](#). A comprehensive private-public approach to health reform could significantly reduce administrative healthcare costs over the coming decade while achieving near-universal coverage and improving healthcare quality and efficiency.

RESEARCH AND SUPPORT GRANTS IN CME AND PI

[Dr Edward J. Stemmler Medical Education Research Fund CFLOI](#)

Supporting innovation in medical education assessment, the Edward J. Stemmler, MD, Medical Education Research Fund of the National Board of Medical Examiners announces its first annual Call for Letters of Intent. *Deadline: July 31, 2009.*

[Palliative Care Education Project](#)

The Medical College of Wisconsin's End of Life/Palliative Education Resource Center (EPEC) announces the third annual call for applications to participate in the Medical School Palliative Care Education Project, funded by the Y.C. Ho/Helen and Michael Chiang Foundation. *Deadline: August 14, 2009.*

[Evaluation Fellowship Program at RWJ](#)

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Retooling Professionals Evaluation Fellows program seeks to diversify the evaluation field by providing individuals with the necessary skills and training to become internal program evaluators. *Application deadline: August 3, 2009.*

FOR CANADIAN RESEARCHERS...NEWS FROM CIHR

[Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Preventive Health Care, Evidence Review and Synthesis Centre](#)

CIHR is collaborating with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) on a funding opportunity to support the development of evidence-based guidelines for primary and preventive care. The successful centre will be awarded up to \$700,000 per year for up to five years to conduct evidence syntheses on prioritized topics dealing with prevention specified by the Task Force.

[July 2009 Funding Opportunities](#)

CIHR and its partners announce the July 2009 funding Opportunities, including the Priority Announcements for the fall 2009 open competitions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

[Summer Institute in Knowledge Translation, Toronto, Canada \(August 18-20, 2009\)](#)

Theme: Exploring the Knowledge to Action Framework. The purpose of this Summer Institute is to provide participants with the opportunity to increase their understanding of knowledge translation research as well as opportunities and challenges in this field. It will also provide participants with the opportunity to network with colleagues and national and international mentors.

[NIQIE 2009: Mastering Continuous Performance Improvement](#)

September 9-11, 2009, at the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare.

[The Guidelines International Network \(G-I-N\) meeting, Lisbon, Portugal \(November 1-4, 2009\)](#)

'G-I-N' is the major international initiative involving organizations from around the world, seeking to improve the quality of health care by promoting systematic development of clinical practice guidelines and their application into practice. Please plan to attend this year 6th annual meeting. Deadline early registration: July 31, 2009.

IN THE LITERATURE

[Identifying opportunities for quality improvement in surgical site infection prevention.](#)

A study evaluating surgical site infection prevention strategies at a network of university hospitals identified interventions that may be required to improve compliance with guidelines. Gagliardi AR. et al, *American Journal of Infection Control*. 37(5):398-402, 2009 June.

[Improving outpatient care of depression by implementing practice guidelines: a controlled clinical trial.](#)

Implementing clinical practice guidelines for outpatient care of depression using a practice-oriented and interdisciplinary approach. Bermejo I. et al, *International Journal for Quality in Health Care*. 21(1):29-36, 2009 Feb. More at:

[A systems approach to the prevention of surgical infections.](#)

Infection after surgery continues to be a major source of morbidity and expense despite extensive efforts with educational programs, guidelines, and hospital-based policies and procedures. The public and the government are demanding better performance and greater accountability. Fry DE. *Surgical Clinics of North America*. 89(2):521-37, x, 2009 Apr.

[Continuing education meetings and workshops: effects on professional practice and health care outcomes.](#)

The effects of educational meetings on professional practice and healthcare outcomes, systematically reviews studies from 1999 to March 2006. Forsetlund L. et al, *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*.(2):CD003030, 2009.

...and in JCEHP

[Continuing medical education and professional revalidation in Europe: five case examples.](#)

By Maisonneuve H, et al, *J Contin Educ Health Prof.* 2009 Winter;29(1):58-62.

[Electronic continuing education in the health professions: an update on evidence from RCTs.](#)

Lam-Antoniades M, Ratnapalan S, Tait G. *J Contin Educ Health Prof.* 2009 Winter;29(1):44-51.

[Internet point of care learning at a community hospital.](#)

By Sinusas K. *J Contin Educ Health Prof.* 2009 Winter;29(1):39-43.

[Audience assessment of bias in continuing medical education programs.](#)

By Price D, Havens C, Bellman P. *J Contin Educ Health Prof.* 2009 Winter;29(1):76.

GEA CME SECTION BUSINESS: SEARCHING FOR A CHAIR-ELECT

The GEA CME Section is searching for a Chair-elect to be nominated and selected by October 31, 2009. Applicants should have knowledge of a background in participating in academic CME. Please forward nominations (including self-nominations) with a brief resume and picture to Oswald Umuhoza at oumuhoza@aamc.org.

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