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## **NSHRF NEWS**

### **Launch of the Knowledge Sharing Support Award**

Our Knowledge Sharing Support Award is now available. The funding opportunity is designed to support further dissemination activities that benefit knowledge users within the health system. A maximum of three awards will be issued in 2011-12. Each award will be a maximum of \$10,000. Applications will be accepted until program funds are fully expended.

More information can be found on our [website](#) and all questions can be directed to the [Manager, Knowledge Programs](#).

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### **Rapid Knowledge Synthesis Workshop**

In collaboration with Knowledge Synthesis Canada, we are hosting a one day workshop, led by Dr. David Moher, to provide training for investigators in the area of rapid knowledge synthesis and rapid reviews. The workshop is open to Investigators/Researchers with an interest in conducting rapid knowledge synthesis projects or applying for synthesis funding opportunities. Preference will be given to applicants in these two areas:

- Clinical wait times target setting
- Nursing renewal, retention, and recruitment

The workshop will take place on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at our offices.

For more information about the workshop, how to apply, rapid knowledge synthesis, and Dr. David Moher please click [here](#).

All applications must be submitted by **November 18, 2011**.

Any inquiries can be sent to the [Manager, Knowledge Programs](#).

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### **Healthy Eating Nova Scotia Team Development Award – Reminder**

The Healthy Eating Nova Scotia (HENS) Guiding Group, with sponsorship from Cancer Care Nova Scotia, Cardiovascular Health Nova Scotia (CVHNS) and Diabetes Care

Program of Nova Scotia (DCPNS), and support from NSHRF, is pleased to release [a call for applications for research team development related to the chronic disease prevention framework and HENS priority areas.](#)

Researchers or community organizations are invited to apply for support to develop research teams focused on healthy eating in one (or more) of the following areas:

- Breast Feeding
- Children and Youth
- Fruit and Vegetable Consumption
- Food Security

Proposals must be submitted by **November 10, 2011**

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### IN PROFILE: NOVA SCOTIA RESEARCH

**Project Title:                    Using the PARIHS model to identify and evaluate a facilitation strategy for community-based therapists in Nova Scotia**

Co-principal Investigators: Dr. Grace Warner and Robin Stadnyk (Dalhousie University)

Like most health professionals, community rehabilitation therapists (e.g., occupational therapy, physiotherapy) want to apply research findings in their clinical practices, but there often challenges to changing their care delivery so it can incorporate research evidence. The research team led by Drs. Grace Warner and Robin Stadnyk are working with Nova Scotia rehabilitation managers to identify ways to help rehabilitation therapists with these challenges.

The team is using a knowledge translation framework to guide the research study called the Promoting Action on Research Implementation in Health Services (PARIHS), the goals for the study are to use the framework to identify a facilitation strategy to increase therapists ability to apply research findings in their practices, and then to evaluate whether the PARIHS framework successfully identified an effective facilitation strategy.

To accomplish these goals the study is using several methods which include:

- administering a survey to all publically funded community-based therapists in Nova Scotia (which identified family caregiver education as an area therapists wanted to incorporate more in their home-based clinical practices); and
- conducting interviews with family care givers and therapists to understand how interactions between family caregivers and therapists affect caregiver education, and a synthesis of the research literature on family caregiver education to share with therapists.

The facilitation strategy is currently being piloted in two rural Nova Scotia health districts, and as part of this pilot participants will be evaluated using an online survey. At the end of the study a final evaluation will determine how well the PARIHS framework worked in a Nova Scotia context for selecting an appropriate facilitation strategy.

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Looking for a colleague, possible collaborator, or expert source of information? Take a look through the [Nova Scotia Directory of Health Researchers](#), available online at the NSHRF website.

If you are a Nova Scotian researcher working in a discipline either directly or indirectly related to health, please take a minute to add your name to the directory through your [Canadian Common CV](#).

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