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MICYRN Partner Focus: Canadian Child & Youth Health Coalition (CCYHC)

Established in 2004, the Canadian Child & Youth Health Coalition (CCYHC) is a collaboration of eight major national organizational and program members working together with a common vision to advance the cause of child and youth health and health care in Canada. The current membership of CCYHC includes the:

- Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres (CAPHC)
- Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program (CCHCSP)
- Canadian Family Advisory Network (CFAN)
- Council of Canadian Child Health Research (CCCHR)
- Maternal, Infant, Child, & Youth Research Network (MICYRN)
- National Infant, Child, & Youth Mental Health Consortium (NICYMHC)
- Paediatric Chairs of Canada (PCC) and
- Pediatric Surgical Chiefs of Canada (PSCC)

While each organization or program holds distinct mandates, the Coalition members share many common goals and objectives. The Coalition firmly believes that the synergistic strength gained through formal collaboration on jointly established strategic priorities provides a strong vehicle for achieving more in identified areas of concern than individual member organizations can accomplish independently. Together, Coalition members can build on their respective mandates by addressing common priorities from a comprehensive perspective.

The collective mandate of the CCYHC is to advance the health and health care of Canada's children and youth by providing a powerful framework for the stimulation of new knowledge development, the promotion of knowledge uptake and application to practice and policy, the support of training and education initiatives and the strengthening of national advocacy. By engaging a broad range of constituents and stakeholders across the continuum of child and youth health, CCYHC has amassed unprecedented capacity and expertise to formulate, facilitate, implement and evaluate national initiatives and programs to address the pressing issues confronting the health of our youngest citizens.

The Coalition has established the following six overall goals to guide its work:

- Ensure rapid and efficient development of new knowledge through research in areas of national importance to the health and well-being of children and youth
- Facilitate and support the application of evidence-based practice and policy
- Stimulate the development and evaluation of models of practice, quality care and safety, supporting efficient, effective and accessible systems of child and youth health care
- Develop and sustain excellence in transdisciplinary child and youth health education, research and training

- Advocate on national child and youth health, healthcare and policy issues that will benefit from the collective expertise and influence of the Coalition and inform policy
- Actively seek out new partners to strengthen the Coalition's capacity to achieve its goals

For more information, please visit the CCYHC website at: www.ccyhc.org

C¹⁷ Research

The C¹⁷ Research Network is comprised of all of the pediatric oncology and hematology programs in Canada. In 2001, the 17 directors of the pediatric oncology/hematology programs created a Council to facilitate and improve clinical care and research. The C¹⁷ Research Network is the research arm of the Council, put in place to fund and facilitate the effective execution of joint multi-disciplinary, multi-centre research projects. The network is overseen by a multi-disciplinary committee that regularly reviews the work of the network, provides peer reviewed grants and assists researchers. The national offices are located in Edmonton, where collaboration with MICYRN has been instrumental for both organizations.

For more information check out their newsletter at:

http://www.wchri.med.ualberta.ca/Home/Publications/C17Network/C17NetworkIssue20_Jan'08.pdf

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If you would like your organization or initiative to be featured in our newsletter, please contact: jennifer.beck@ualberta.ca

The MICYRN website is currently under development so watch for it at www.micyrn.ca

Research Ethics & Regulatory Affairs Core

The MICYRN Research Ethics & Regulatory Affairs (RERA) Core is soliciting input on a document that has been drafted entitled: “*Policy Statement on Genetic Research with Children.*” This document proposes eleven principles and procedures intended to protect the rights of children who participate or who are considering participating in genetic research. It is anticipated that this *Statement* will foster the development of a deontological approach for genetic research involving the participation of children.

If you are interested in providing feedback and input into this document, please contact: Bartha Maria Knoppers
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Your Knowledge Is Needed!

The Canadian Child & Youth Health Coalition (CCYHC) is committed to exploring interdisciplinary Health Human Resource (HHR) issues and to supporting sustained excellence in education and training to ensure a workforce prepared to meet the health needs of children and youth across the spectrum of promotion, prevention and care.

Reflecting the complex nature of this field, a multi-jurisdictional working group is required to review the state of HHR in the child and youth sector by developing a comprehensive overview of current national HHR initiatives and identifying pressing issues and obvious gaps.

The purpose of this work will be to identify specific opportunities and challenges which will be best addressed by a strategic Coalition initiative in this area.

The mandate of the Child & Youth HHR Working Group will be to:

- Identify current national HHR initiatives
- Conduct an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for health human resources in the child and youth sector
- Determine how existing initiatives are addressing HHR issues in the child and youth sector and identify specific challenges not currently receiving attention
- Prepare a report outlining a focused set of recommendations (2-3) that will guide the Coalition in developing a targeted national Child & Youth Health Human Resource Strategy.

The Coalition is currently seeking individuals with relevant expertise and background in this area to participate on this working group. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact:

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2008 marks the 60th anniversary of the first publication of a randomized controlled trial (RCT) and to celebrate this anniversary, the Cochrane Child Health Field has started a project to study the development of RCTs in child health over the past sixty years.

With this historical perspective in mind, the Child Health Field would like to solicit your nominations for “classic” RCTs in paediatrics – in other words, trials that are significant because of the following characteristics:

- innovation in design characteristics under the prevailing state of knowledge at the time they were performed;
- the consequence of their results on medical practice; or
- the fact that, in their absence, patients would have been denied access to beneficial treatments or would have been exposed to deleterious or ineffective approaches to treatment.

Please forward your suggestions to:

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