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## President's message...

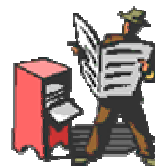
By what means do others learn about the profession of occupational therapy? This is the main question for us as an association as we prepare to promote the art and science of occupational therapy through a formal public relations marketing project. Working from a base camp set-up previously by past MSOT executives and volunteers, we once again prepare ourselves for an attempt at the summit. A small "scouting group" is preparing to meet and map out the quest within the near future. We will also bring in a "professional guide" to support our work. However, most certainly the eventual message must be driven by what occupational therapy means to all of us within the profession. The process of trying to capture that essence has been a difficult one to date. This challenge does not belong solely to Manitoba therapists, but to occupational therapists everywhere. Our plan is to send out "dispatches from the journey" via *Update* to keep everyone informed of the direction of our climb.

We will be looking for specific expertise along the way to broaden the message and the journey. Will you be willing to help by attending focus groups or sharing your experiences as an occupational therapist? Please comment along the way so that when the final presentation of the "summit" is made (the specifics of the public relations project) we don't become lost in the semantics of the message but move forward with the process of promoting occupational therapy.

Again, I ask: by what means do others learn about occupational therapy? We know it is through many different channels. One such channel is through the media. I'd like to applaud the occupational therapists highlighted below for the coverage received in the Winnipeg Free Press in recent months. Thank you all for demonstrating the diversity of occupational therapy practise!

- Pam Wener for the article on GROW, a program for adolescents and young adults with Asperger's Syndrome, entitled "GROW's aim is independence for the autistic".
- Corinna Klassen & Angie Maidment featured in, "Is your home fit for the future?", an article about Universal Design that highlighted the conference organized by these therapists.
- The OT role of Michael Johnson and his unique practise area was part of the article on the Main Street Project "Resort of Last Resort".

Help us to celebrate when occupational therapy reaches a broader audience! Inform MSOT and *Update* of any media or public events in which occupational therapists and their diverse practice have been a part.



Gina De Vos, OT Reg (MB)  
MSOT President

# Greetings from the PR Committee!

We would like to inform you of a great opportunity to volunteer and promote our profession. The Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) is looking for occupational therapists to volunteer at the **CDA Live Smart Diabetes** Expo. This volunteer opportunity would involve sitting at the “Ask the Occupational Therapist” booth to answer OT-related questions that attendees may have.

When? **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
Where? **Convention Centre**  
Time? **10:00 – 3:30** (approximately 2 hours slots with enough volunteers)

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please send your response to [msot@mts.net](mailto:msot@mts.net) with **CDA Volunteer for PR** in the subject line.

We hope to hear from you soon! Thanks!

*Jennifer Nychek & Amy Collins  
MSOT Public Relations Co-chairs*

## **Am I Covered? A Commentary on Professional Liability Insurance**

With the proclamation of the new *Occupational Therapists Act* in December 2005, the requirement for occupational therapists to carry malpractice insurance became a reality. The *Occupational Therapists Regulation* states that “every member who provides clinical services must obtain or be covered by, and maintain liability insurance coverage to a minimum of \$5,000,000.00.”

According to COTM, most occupational therapists in Manitoba carry insurance from the Aon Reed Stenhouse through their membership with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) or rely on the insurance maintained by their employer.

If you are wondering if you have the right insurance, you are not alone. COTM reported receiving a great number of questions regarding the requirement.

The 2006 College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba (COTM) renewal in June 2006 introduced the need to provide evidence of meeting this requirement. COTM is charged with confirming that members carry adequate insurance to meet the requirement as described in the regulation. However, meeting the COTM requirement and maintaining insurance that meets your personal risk tolerance level may be not the same thing. To assist you to decide what is best for you, it is helpful to understand some of the characteristics of the CAOT/Aon plan and employer insurance plans.

## **Am I Covered? A Commentary on Professional Liability Insurance – cont'd.**

### **Employer Insurance**

- Employer insurance will cover you for any work done as an employed individual even if you leave the employ of the agency as long as the agency has maintained insurance with the insurance company, the insurance is in force at the time the claim is made against you, and the employer has made arrangements to cover former employees. So if a malpractice suit is filed even after you leave an employer, you may be covered.
- After defending you against a claim made against you, an agency may launch its own suit against you if they believe you violated agency policies or practices. The agency insurance will not provide any protection in this situation.
- Employer insurance does not extend to individuals who are hired on contract. If source deductions are not being withheld and then submitted to the Canadian Revenue Agency on your behalf, then you are likely working as a contracted individual.
- This insurance is for civil suits made against you, including your defense and payment of damages awarded against you.

### **CAOT Insurance**

- The Aon coverage is “claims made” protection, which means you must carry the insurance at the time the suit is filed even if you did not hold the insurance at the time of the event which gives rise to the suit. Keep in mind that when applying for this insurance for the first time you are required to declare that there is no outstanding claim against you.
- “Claims made” insurance needs to be maintained even after you discontinue your occupational therapy practice and for this reason Aon has arranged for an automatic 12 month extended reporting period and longer extended reported periods (additional 12 months, additional 24 months or unlimited) are available at a nominal premium.
- The insurance covers you in all situations where you are practicing occupational therapy as an instructor, a consultant, as an individual providing OT services on a volunteer basis, or for anything you do outside of your regular employment situation. It follows you wherever you practice in Canada.
- The insurance includes defense of a malpractice (civil) suit, including any required payment of damages. It also includes reimbursement payment for costs associated with your defense of a criminal charge or an administrative hearing before your regulatory authority (i.e. COTM).

### **How do I go about obtaining CAOT insurance if I am not currently a member of CAOT?**

You must be a member of CAOT in order to be eligible to purchase the group insurance provided by Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. Visit the CAOT website for more information on this member service at [http://www.caot-Aon.ca/prof\\_en.html](http://www.caot-Aon.ca/prof_en.html)

You may be eligible for CAOT membership and should consult with the CAOT Membership Assistant, Martine Sabushimike at [membership@caot.ca](mailto:membership@caot.ca). This is especially relevant for those who have not written the CAOT Certification Examination, which is a CAOT membership requirement. CAOT has developed an Exam Waiver Policy that may apply to your situation.

**If you want to know more about insurance, visit the COTM website at [www.cotm.ca](http://www.cotm.ca).**

## WCB 2007 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES & RESEARCH PROGRAM (CIRP)



The WCB is inviting applications for funding through the CIRP. For 2007, the CIRP will place a priority on funding projects which address the following:

- The application of innovative approaches to preventing specific workplace injuries or illnesses;
- The identification of workplace hazards and the prevention of injuries for at-risk/vulnerable youth and/or persons with mental or physical disabilities;
- The identification of barriers and facilitators of return to work programs; or,
- Increasing the body of knowledge on occupational diseases, their diagnosis and treatment.

Applications that address the mandate of the CIRP will also be considered.

**The deadline to submit a letter of intent is March 30, 2007. Please see our website at [www.wcb.mb.ca](http://www.wcb.mb.ca) for information about required content in the letter of intent, and for additional information about the CIRP.**

The WCB is offering up to \$1 million to consider the applications received. In general, projects would typically be funded to a maximum of \$100,000.00 for a 12-month period, with a maximum project duration of up to two years. This is only a guideline, however, and applications requesting more funding, or longer project duration may also be considered if they meet the overall criteria of the program.

Application for funding of projects through the CIRP is a two-staged process. Stage One consists of a brief letter of intent which will be reviewed and evaluated for project quality, feasibility, and potential benefits to stakeholders. Stage One applicants invited to Stage Two will be required to submit a full proposal.

The WCB Board of Directors will determine which projects will receive a grant; their decisions will be communicated towards the end of 2007. Projects selected will not commence until 2008, following the endorsement of a contract with the WCB, outlining the terms and conditions under which the funding will be provided.

The 2006 CIRP Annual Report is available for review. This report provides information on grants awarded in 2006, as well as details on grants previously awarded and still in progress and those completed in 2006.

To download a copy of the 2007 CIRP *Stage One Program Overview and Guidelines*, or for more information about previously funded projects, please visit our Web site at [www.wcb.mb.ca](http://www.wcb.mb.ca) or contact:

Krista Breckman, Senior Consultant  
(204)954-4335  
[kbreckma@wcb.mb.ca](mailto:kbreckma@wcb.mb.ca)

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# A SUCCESSFUL OPEN HOUSE AT THE SCHOOL OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION

On Sunday, January 21, 2007, the students and staff of the University Manitoba School of Medical Rehabilitation joined together and hosted the annual Open House. The goal of the Open House is to allow potential students, members of the community, and other health care professionals to learn more about the fields of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy and the MSc Rehabilitation graduate program. It is an informal event with booths, interactive displays, and tours. Staff and students were available to answer questions regarding scope of practice, entrance requirements, and course content. Representatives from MSOT also attended to share knowledge of the OT profession. It was a successful event with a large turn-out of individuals interested in what occupational therapy could offer as a profession.

*Aimee Paradis, MSOT Student Representative  
Amy Collins & Jen Nychek, MSOT Public Relations Co-chairs*



#### **Editorial Policy**

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#### **Submissions**

Submissions can be sent in typed hard copy, on a 3.5" disk or by email (in Microsoft format) and be no longer than 500 words (unless arrangements are made with the editors, Talia Prosick and Melissa Nance). Photographs are welcome.

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## **MSOT MIXER MEMORIES...**

The Awards & Nominations Committee, along with the Special Events Committee, would like to thank all those who supported the Student Mixer Night through ticket purchases and prize donations – your participation helped make the event a success.

A good time was had at Triple B's on March 16, 2007, by the nearly 60 mixers, including both student and practicing occupational therapists and their friends.

Special **THANKS** to Sandy Lopes for great ticket sales!

Thank you for your continued support. Keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming MSOT events!

*Kyla Brignall & Sara-Jane Milne, Awards & Nominations  
Erin Dojack & Cameella Harrysingh, Special Events*

## **MSOT AWARDS & NEW GRADS RECEPTION – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The Awards & Nominations and the Special Events Committee are working diligently to finalize plans for the annual Awards & New Grads Reception. The reception creates an opportunity for our profession to welcome new graduates, to celebrate professional and fieldwork achievements, and to present the Outstanding OT Award to the nominated recipient.

Presently (at the time of newsletter printing) the reception will be held on **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. Negotiations are underway to confirm the location and ticket costs. Keep you eyes open for upcoming emails containing the final drafts of this exciting evening.

If you have any questions, please contact the Awards & Nominations Committee, or the Special Events Committee, via email at [msot@mts.net](mailto:msot@mts.net), including either committee name in the subject line.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Kyla Brignall & Sara-Jane Milne, Awards & Nominations  
Erin Dojack & Cameella Harrysingh, Special Events*

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## *A Great Big Thank You!*

Margaret Anne Campbell-Rempel  
Submitted by Pam Becker & Jodene Neufeld

The Occupational Therapy Department at the University of Manitoba would like to thank the following individuals and sites for their contributions to our fieldwork program for the Basic Fieldwork block from November 20 to December 15, 2006. Our fieldwork program could not exist without your generous support. We appreciate all that you do to support the education of our future colleagues. We hope you will continue to be involved in our program in the upcoming year(s). Thanks again!

**Brandon Regional Health Centre:** Lynn Levenich, Sarah Frank, Jerilyn Schrof and Karen More; **Centre for Adult Psychiatry:** Jocelyn Dowden; **Concordia Hospital:** Joanne Brackel, Stacey Kowalchuk, and Lea Helbrecht; **Community Therapy Services:** Bev Mendelson and Claudine Lafond; **Deer Lodge Centre:** Diane Nicolson and Glenn King; **Grace General Hospital:** Anne Marie Klassen and Jannell Hapke; **Health Sciences Centre:** Carol Charette, Leslie Kirby, Sandy Santos, Lesley Cotsianis, Cathy Bomhof, Erin Dojack, Brenda Fjeldsted, Chris Froese, Melanie Gaudreau, Isabella Polimeni-Walker, Shirley Ramos, Nancy Sakuth, and Barb Cortens; **Misericordia Health Centre:** Nadia Malchuk; **Prairie North Community Services:** Chris Etue; **Providence Place:** Nicole Ells; **River East Transcona School Division:** Debbie Spencer Sapacz and Donna Glasgow; **Riverview Health Centre:** Cheryl Willim, Andrea Bellamy, Sharon Thomas, and Jane Hyduk; **Royal University Hospital:** Karrie Malainey Rambrid; **Ryan Fitzpatrick's Occupational Therapy Services:** David Ambrose and Ryan Fitzpatrick; **Saskatoon City Hospital:** Jackie Kivol and Karin Diedrich Clossen; **Selkirk Mental Health Centre:** Susan Steeg and Sherri Dinnin; **Seniors Health Resource Team:** Amy Dick, and Eleanor Stelmack; **Society for Manitobans with Disabilities:** Leslie Assor and Marlies Dyck; **St. Boniface Hospital:** Francine Bisson, Janet Meleshko, Marie Dusecina, Rhonda Manaigre, and Kyla Brignall; **Sunrise School Division:** Debra Acton and Heidi Garcia; **Thompson General Hospital:** Jodi Goudey; **Victoria General Hospital:** Marte Bachynski, Melody Anderson and Irene Ling; **Wellness Institute:** Shauna Bourbonniere.

**P.S. If we have inadvertently left your name off this list, please accept our apology and let us know ASAP!**

The following quotes were heard from the first year students upon returning to school after their Basic Fieldwork experience...

- "My fieldwork experience has given me a better idea of where I would like to work as an OT."
- "The example set for me by my fieldwork educator shifted my attitude towards those struggling with disability and/or illness to be more respectful and professional."
- "My placement has given me practical experiences to draw from when learning new material in class."
- "Fieldwork reaffirmed my desire to be an occupational therapist and has motivated me to work harder to do so."
- "My fieldwork experience taught me how to form strong therapeutic relationships with clients. My fieldwork educator was really great at giving me the opportunity to open up and helping me make those connections."

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### *A Great Big Thank You! – cont'd*

- “Placement gave me the opportunity to get into the workplace to see hands-on what an occupational therapist does. It reminded me of why I want to be an OT and put all of the demands of the program into perspective.”
- “Fieldwork was an eye-opening experience! My fieldwork educator’s patience and guidance allowed me to develop my communication skills at my own pace. Now in doing interviews this semester I have reflected back on suggestions from my educator. This was and is extremely valuable!”

Thank you again for your contributions to the education of your future colleagues. Please take note of the fieldwork dates for 2007-2008. Mark your calendars for the time that suits you best to invest in a student. Remember that each school year we need 240 placements. Think about how *you* can get involved!

#### **Basic Fieldwork** (4 weeks)

**November 19 – December 14, 2007**

**First year** students who have completed 12 weeks of academic study as well as a previous undergraduate degree including prerequisite courses.

#### **Intermediate Fieldwork II** (8 weeks)

**January 7 – February 29, 2008**

**Second year** students who have completed one and a half years of academic study, one 4-week fieldwork placement, and one 8-week fieldwork placement.

#### **Intermediate Fieldwork** (8 weeks)

**May 5 – June 27, 2008**

**First year** students who have completed one year of academic study and one 4-week fieldwork placement.

#### **Advanced Fieldwork** (6 weeks)

**June 30 – September 12, 2008 \***

**Second year** students who have completed all academic requirements, one 4-week fieldwork placement, and two 8-week placements. Dates may vary per individual student depending upon availability of placements, therefore a six week placement may occur at any time during this period. Students may also participate in part-time experiences over a longer time period or other types of flexible arrangements as may arise and are determined to be appropriate learning experiences to meet educational standards.

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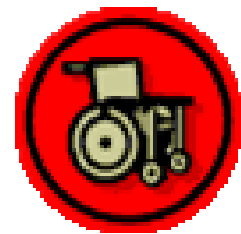
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# Tiffany's Internet Café

The following websites contain information and resources about palliative care and bereavement.

<http://www.caot.ca/default.asp?pageid=1284>

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (2005) Position Statement on Occupational Therapy and End-of-Life Care.

<http://www.caot.ca/default.asp?pageID=688>

This special online edition of *OT Now* (September/October 2003) provides the full text for the article "Occupational therapy at home and in the community for people and families in palliative care" written by Mary Egan.

<http://www.manitobahospice.ca/>

Hospice & Palliative Care Manitoba is a volunteer based organization that provides terminally ill patients and their families with information, resources, and support related to palliative care and bereavement.

<http://www.virtualhospice.ca>

The Canadian Virtual Hospice is an interactive network that offers information and resources, and facilitates online communication and support to patients, their friends and family members, health care professionals, and palliative care volunteers. When entering the website you are asked to identify yourself as belonging to one of the above categories in order to personalize the experience.

Please send feedback or suggestions for future topics to

Tiffany Flye

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### CONFERENCES

**“Attachment in the School Age Years: Assessing and Treating Children with Histories of Disrupted Relationships”** - April 12 & 13, 2007, Winnipeg, MB. This two day workshop will introduce participants to current research and clinical practice with school aged children who experience behaviour and emotional problems related to disruptions and traumas in their early relationships with caregivers. The focus of the workshop will be on international adoptions, children from the child protective/foster care/adoption systems in the U.S. and Canada, and children who have experienced disruptions in care giving due to parental drug abuse or violence, making use of the Circle of Security as an assessment and intervention tool. For more information, call Dana Hay of Planners Plus Inc. at 224-1831 or [dana@plannersplus.ca](mailto:dana@plannersplus.ca).

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**“Accelerating Primary Care: Gaining Momentum”** - April 16-18, 2007, Edmonton, Alberta. Accelerating Primary Care is the second annual Conference hosted by Capital Health and the University of Alberta. The Conference is a learning opportunity for the primary care community to explore leading practice and innovation to accelerate primary care. It aims to educate and prepare primary care workers by hearing from their colleagues in the field who have led the way in making changes in the way they practice. The Conference will encourage practitioners to revolutionize their practices and policies to continually improve services and outcomes. For additional information regarding the Conference please visit [www.capitalhealth.ca/primarycare](http://www.capitalhealth.ca/primarycare)

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**“Parkinson Society Manitoba's 2007 Regional Conference”** - April 21, 2007, 9am to 2:30pm. Norwood Hotel, Winnipeg, MB. \$25 (members) and \$35 (non-members), includes lunch. Keynote Speaker Dr. Douglas Hobson, Neurologist and Movement Disorder Specialist will present *What's Under the Tip of the Parkinson's Iceberg - New Clues Toward the Cure*. For more information, please contact Laura Asher at (204) 786-2637 or [laura.asher@parkinson.ca](mailto:laura.asher@parkinson.ca)

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**“Crisis Response Skills”** - April 25-26, 2007. Trauma Resource Institute (CTRI) provides professional training and consulting services for individuals, schools and communities affected or involved in working with issues of crisis and trauma. Schools and communities need to be prepared to respond to critical incidents (suicide, tragedy, violence, etc.). When a crisis occurs, there will always be people who need nurturing and support. This seminar will help caregivers develop and enhance their ability to respond to critical incidents. Participants will learn effective strategies to engage and help vulnerable people affected by the crisis. For more information, visit [www.ctrinstitute.com](http://www.ctrinstitute.com) or call 1-877-353-3205 or e-mail [www.ctrinstitute.com](mailto:www.ctrinstitute.com)

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**“Assistive Technology Products and Services Hands-On Workshop”** – April 27, 2007, Winnipeg, MB. This workshop will be of interest to healthcare professionals such as OT's, SLP's, social workers, nursing staff, rehab aides, home care staff, and other assistive technology advocates. There are eight breakout sessions, each providing a hands-on opportunity to work with assistive technology. Sessions topics include environmental control, low and high tech AAC solutions, pointing devices and alternatives, introduction to keyboards, joysticks and programming, and alternative power chair controls. For more information call Chris Hurtubise at (204) 831-2526.

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**“Ready, Set, Drive to the Capital: 7<sup>th</sup> National Workshop for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists”** – May 4 & 5, 2007, Ottawa ON. This bilingual conference focuses on helping to put people safely in the driver's seat thereby enhancing their quality of life and participation in the community. For more information, contact H. Zipes, Clinical Director, Rehabilitation Services Program at [hzipes@ottawahospital.on.ca](mailto:hzipes@ottawahospital.on.ca), or call (604) 737-7350, #75415, or go to [www.ottawahospital.on.ca](http://www.ottawahospital.on.ca). See the conference brochure at: <http://www.ottawahospital.on.ca/media/events/DriverRehab-e.pdf>.

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**“Suicide Intervention Skills”** - May 7-8, 2007, Winnipeg, MB. The Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute (CTRI) provides professional training and consulting services for individuals, schools and communities affected or involved in working with issues of crisis and trauma. This training is designed to teach caregivers the skills needed to identify and assist those at risk of suicide. The seminar provides participants with practical skills in suicide assessment and intervention. For more information, visit [www.ctrinstitute.com](http://www.ctrinstitute.com) or call 1-877-353-3205 or e-mail [www.ctrinstitute.com](mailto:www.ctrinstitute.com)

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**“Suicide Postvention Strategies”** - May 9-10, 2007, Winnipeg, MB. The Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute (CTRI) provides professional training and consulting services for individuals, schools and communities affected or involved in working with issues of crisis and trauma. This workshop will equip caregivers with tools to minimize the impact of a suicide on survivors. Participants will gain valuable insights into why suicide postvention is also suicide prevention. For more information, visit: [www.ctrinstitute.com](http://www.ctrinstitute.com) or call 1-877-353-3205 or e-mail [www.ctrinstitute.com](mailto:www.ctrinstitute.com)

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**“Edmonton II: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Canadian Conference on Safety in Home Care, Supportive Living, and Long Term Care”** - May 29-30, 2007, Edmonton, AB. The conference designed to attract managers, administrators, medical directors, government leaders, health associations and academic staff, students and researchers. The conference will showcase Capital Health as a leader in health care safety, particularly in home, community and long term care settings. For more information, please visit [safety@buksa.com](mailto:safety@buksa.com) or [www.capitalhealth.ca/safety2007](http://www.capitalhealth.ca/safety2007)

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**“Children’s and Adolescents’ Participation in Healthcare Decision Making: Ethical and Developmental Considerations”** – May 30, 2007, Toronto, ON. A Paediatric Bioethics Conference, hosted by the Bioethics Department at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Information about the program, faculty, and registration is available at their website: <http://www.sickkids.ca/Sickkidsbioethicsconference/default.asp>

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**“8th Collaborative Mental Health Care Conference”** – June 7-9, Quebec City, PQ. The conference theme is “Sharing Expertise: Sharing Responsibility”. The conference will bring together primary care and mental health professionals including family physicians, other primary care providers, mental health clinicians, program developers, policy makers, funders, consumers and family members from across Canada and abroad. Early bird registration deadline is Friday, April 6, 2007. Final registration date is Friday, June 1, 2007. Register early as space is limited and will be assigned on a first come first paid basis. For more information, visit: [http://www.shared-care.ca/eighth\\_conf2.shtml](http://www.shared-care.ca/eighth_conf2.shtml)

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**“Understanding, Assessing and Treating Visual, Perceptual and Cognitive Dysfunction in Adults with Brain Injury”** - June 14 and 15, 2007, Peterborough, ON. Presented by MindWorks and Barbara Zoltan, MA, OTR.

For more information contact:

[info@mindworksgroup.ca](mailto:info@mindworksgroup.ca) or call (705) 741-3412, ext. 13. Registration forms are available on our web site at [www.mindworksgroup.ca](http://www.mindworksgroup.ca)

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**“Functional Strengthening & Taping for the Neurologically Impaired Child”** – November 15-17, 2007, Saskatoon, SK. Day 1: Taping to Improve Alignment, Strength, and Function in Children. Day 2 & 3: Functional Exercise and Strengthening for the Neurologically Impaired Child. Instructors: Michael Dilenno, PT, DPT, CSCS and Jacqueline Grimenstein, PT CKTP. Contact Barb Hurlburt at (306) 655-1272 or email [Barbara.hurlburt@saska.toonhealthregion.ca](mailto:Barbara.hurlburt@saska.toonhealthregion.ca).

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**“Strategy Based and Goal Directed Treatment for Functional Outcomes”** – June 2008, Windsor, ON. Speech/language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists who work with the adult and adolescent populations in patient programs will benefit. For further information, please contact: Helga Schollenberger 519-973-4411 x3370 or email [hschollenberger@hdgh.org](mailto:hschollenberger@hdgh.org) or Elaine Roveroni 519-257-5111 x76556 or email: [Elaine.roveroni@wrh.on.ca](mailto:Elaine.roveroni@wrh.on.ca)

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The Canadian Stroke Network (CSN) and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC) released the **Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Stroke Care: 2006** in December, including new expert recommendations for improving stroke care in Canada. Visit [www.canadianstrokestrategy.ca](http://www.canadianstrokestrategy.ca)

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The **Reh-Fit Centre Foundation’s Walk of Life** Fundraiser is organized in conjunction with the Canadian Cardiac Rehabilitation Foundation in communities across Canada. It is a national fundraising event raising awareness of heart disease and financial support for cardiac rehabilitation services. Registration forms to participate in the walk will be available at the Reh-Fit Centre later this year. If you are interested in participating as either an individual or as a team in the walk please contact us at (204) 488-4819 or email [beverly.burton-quindon@reh-fit.com](mailto:beverly.burton-quindon@reh-fit.com). Visit the website at [www.reh-fit.com](http://www.reh-fit.com)

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