



# Safety in Home Care: A Focus on Medication Management

## Pilot Interviews

(Hamilton, Ontario)

We are proud to report that data collection is officially underway! Two excellent client home visits were conducted by Dr Lang, Serena Corsini-Munt and Melissa Griffin (Master's student- Human Factors Engineering) in early December.

According to Dr Lang, the interviews were rich with data and extremely interesting to boot!

All three PI's have formally presented the project to local health care

providers for the purposes of recruiting families- now that the H1N1 crisis has abated somewhat, we are hoping that data collection can start in earnest in all four provinces early in the new year.



### Project Report Card: Year One Accomplishments

✓ **Cleared Ethics**  
(VON, U of Ottawa, McGill, Dalhousie, U niv of Alberta, CSSS Cavendish)

✓ **Carried out 2 Pilot interviews**

✓ **Presented a poster at Halifax 9**

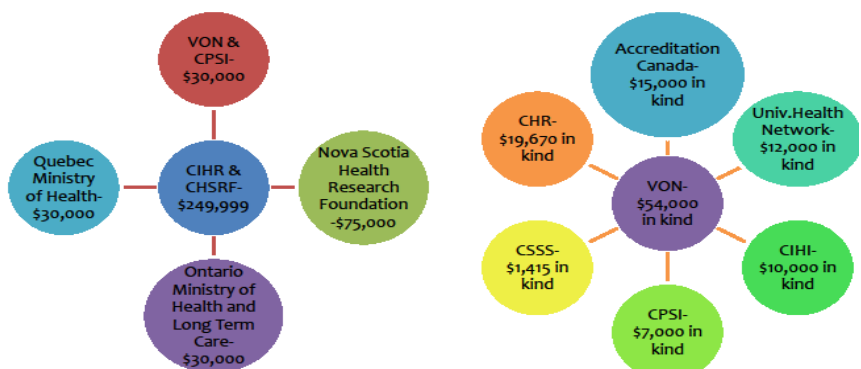
✓ **Conducted a couple of project Face to face meetings**  
(Easty, Macdonald, Lang, Marck)

## VON and CPSI replace Alberta Health and Wellness's financial contribution

The withdrawal of Alberta Health and Wellness's financial commitment earlier this year threatened the viability of this project.

Our heartfelt thanks therefore goes out to Dr Judith Shamian of VON Canada as well as Joe Gebran and Phil Hassan of CPSI, for their strong support of this project as evidenced by their commitment to replace the \$30,000 originally pledged by Alberta.

### Project Funding Summary



Project Team Members

VON:

Dr Ariella Lang  
Sharon Goodwin  
Catherine Butler  
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DALHOUSIE:

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Articles and Presentations



Patricia O'Connor

- Recently appointed the Director of Nursing & Chief Nursing Officer of the McGill University Health Center (MUHC) in Montreal.
- In 2008-09, Patty was one of fifteen fellows selected from six countries for the Commonwealth Fund Harkness Fellowship in Health Policy and Practice.
- Also completed the CHSRF EXTRA Fellowship program between 2004-06.
- Married to pediatrician, Emmett Francoeur, and has two children who are completing studies in medicine at McGill.
- Tennis and chocolate are two of her passions!

Team Profiles



Dr. Eddy Lang

- Recently appointed Senior Research and Associate Professor in the Division of Emergency Medicine at the University of Calgary.
- For the past three years, Eddy has co-authored a column called HealthWatch which is a regular feature in the Montreal Gazette and occasionally in other CanWest Global Newspapers.
- In addition to a busy and rewarding family life, Eddy finds balance in competitive swimming at the Masters level. He swam and coached the youth at the Maccabiah games in Israel this past summer where he managed to bring home 5 bronze and one silver medal for both individual events and relays.

Wishing you and your families Happy Holidays and all the best in 2010!

Ariella, Marilyn, Tricia, Serena and Cynthia