



# RESEARCH SHOWCASE 2011

## Putting RQHR Research on the Map

### Keynote Speaker: Dr. Timothy Christie



Dr. Timothy Christie is the Regional Director of Ethics Services at Horizon Health Network in Saint John, New Brunswick. As a philosopher, epidemiologist, and established expert in the realm of medical ethics, Dr. Christie is a sought-after presenter at a wide variety of forums.

Dr. Christie earned a BA (first class honours) and MA from the University of New Brunswick, a PHD from the University of Ottawa, and a Master of Health Science degree (MHSc) in Epidemiology from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia. Prior to his role as the Regional Director of Ethics Services at Horizon Health Network, he was the Health Care Ethicist for the British

Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

Dr. Christie's research interests are Medical Ethics and Public Health Ethics. In addition to writing many technical documents, he has recently published in the International Journal of Drug Policy, Developing World Bioethics, the Canadian Medical Association Journal, Healthcare Policy, the Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology, Health Law in Canada, and the British Columbia Medical Journal.

### Keynote Address:

#### **Informing Resource Allocation through Research - Balancing Economics, Evidence and Ethics**

Dr. Christie will speak about how research results can be used to inform resource allocation decisions, and the connection between economics, evidence and ethics. The growing demand for health services has given health organizations the increasingly challenging task of setting priorities to ensure resources are optimally used to meet community health needs. Although healthcare decision-makers are adept at using research evidence and economic analyses to set priorities and allocate resources, they are often less confident that the decisions are ethically sound. Dr. Christie will provide insights on how the RQHR can use practical approaches to ethical priority setting, including the balance between costs (the economics), best practices (the evidence), and perceived importance (the ethics).