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### Care Gap Consensus Papers

OC has developed 2 consensus papers; a paper on **Adherence**, being led by Dr. David Kendler and a paper on **Post Fracture Care**, being led by Dr. Rick Adachi.

Both papers address crucial care gaps that will lead to optimizing patient outcomes in the management and treatment of osteoporosis in Canada.

The papers will support and complement the Best Practice Guidelines currently being developed by the OC - SAC Best Practice Protocols Committee.

The papers are complete and are currently being reviewed by the Guidelines Committee. Both papers will be submitted to the BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders journal.

### Targeting Osteoporosis and Fractures: 2010 Best Practices Protocols Update

The Best Practices Working Group, led by Drs. Bill Leslie and Alexandra Papaioannou, continue their work in developing the 2010 Osteoporosis Clinical Practice Guidelines.

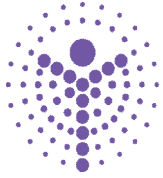
In November, an Expert Panel met with the chairs of the 2 Working Groups, moderated by Dr. Brian Lentle to present the evidence needed to build expert and stakeholder consensus in the preparation and dissemination of guideline summary statements and recommendations.

The meeting was successful; 40 recommendations were reviewed and discussed. Expert Panel members in attendance represented the College of Family Physicians of Quebec; SOGC; Canadian Orthopedic Association; Canadian Association of Radiologists, and several SAC consultants.

A 6th face to face meeting of the Best Practices Working Group was held on Jan 18, 2010 in Toronto at the Sheraton Airport Hotel.

Dr. Gillian Hawker, an expert methodologist, was invited to provide her expert advice on guideline development, and to discuss various fracture risk models and methodologies.

Work on the guidelines continues as planned, and it is expected that they will be published as a CMAJ supplement in the fall of 2010.



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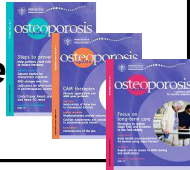
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## Osteoporosis Update Announcement



Osteoporosis Canada will be discontinuing the production of a free version of *Osteoporosis Update*. This change currently pertains to both the online and print versions of our magazine. The Winter 2010 issue is the last free printed copy in circulation. Note that electronic archives of *Osteoporosis Update* are still accessible on our website, at [www.osteoporosis.ca](http://www.osteoporosis.ca).

In the interim, a viability assessment on the current model of *Osteoporosis Update* will be performed so that we may present different and mutually beneficial alternatives to our readers.

We will keep you apprised of new options that will become available pertaining to this production.

A very gracious thank you goes out to all members of the current editorial board; Dr. Richard Crilly, Dr. Sidney Feldman, Dr. Sophie Jamal, Dr. Heather McDonald-Blumer, Dr. Colleen Metge, Dr. Suzanne Morin, and Dr. Anne-Marie Whelan for their commitment and dedication in ensuring that *Osteoporosis Update* consistently delivered reliable and accurate articles.



As a follow-up to a previous announcement sent January 15, 2010, **IOFWCO-ECCEO10** is being held in **Florence, Italy May 5-8**. As an IOF member, Osteoporosis Canada still has a limited number of free registration spots available. Please contact Dr. Farah Samji at [fsamji@osteoporosis.ca](mailto:fsamji@osteoporosis.ca) if you are interested.

## SAC Nominations

A review of the SAC member list is underway and there are many members that are coming to the end of their 6th year of membership.

As such, a call for nominations for various committees and consultants will be sent out from Osteoporosis Canada in the very near future.

We invite you to consider individuals that you would like to bring forward to volunteer their expertise and time as future members of the SAC.

Through your collective expertise and skill sets, Osteoporosis Canada is able to make a difference in providing evidence based osteoporotic health care management and prevention for all Canadians.

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and to brighten it anywhere is to  
brighten it everywhere."  
Isacc Asimov***

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