

The Canadian Electronic Library

Monographs from Canadian publishers, organized for the digital library

Canadian Health Research Collection

This collection of monographs includes publications found on the websites of over 300 Canadian organizations working in many areas of health and medical research. Although the documents are free, the monitoring, acquisition and processing of such a disparate body of material is beyond the resources of even the most specialized library.

This sampling of organizations illustrates the range of topics and perspectives included:

Research Institutes and other NGOs

Aboriginal Healing Foundation
Canada Health Infoway
Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health
Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Initiative
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
Canadian Home Care Association
Canadian Institute for Health Information
Canadian Nurses Association
Canadian Patient Safety Institute
Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité
du travail
Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences
Institute of Health Economics
Mental Health Commission of Canada
Ontario Tobacco Research Unit
Wellesley Institute [urban health policy issues]

Government Agencies

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
Health Canada
Institut national de santé publique du Québec
Northwest Territories Health and Social Services
Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Public Health Agency of Canada
Statistics Canada
Toronto Public Health

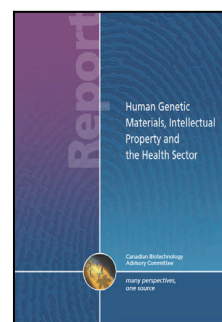
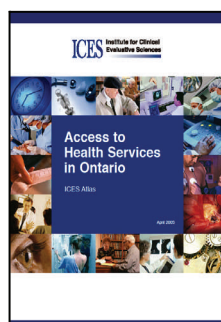
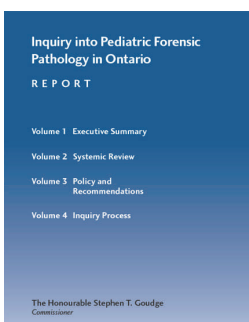
Academic Centres

Centre for Addictions Research of BC (U Vic, UBC...)
Centre for Health and Environment Research (UBC)
Children's Health Policy Centre (SFU)
McGill Univ. Health Centre Technology Assessment Unit
Nursing Health Services Research Unit (McMaster & U of T)

Content Guidelines

Inclusion policies are guided by quality criteria which favour titles of lasting reference value, in both official languages. Included are research papers, reports, studies, policy papers & briefs, discussion papers, numbered series, and working papers. Emphasis is on publications post-dating 2003.

As of Spring 2009, CHRC contains over 4300 documents. New titles are added monthly, at a rate of about 1500 per year.



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- Better document type searches (search for all Books AND Maps in the same search)
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- "Find similar" function added to search results

Improved search results

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