

2009 PRACTICE NETWORK

Since 2006, CPA has been in developing an **electronic practice network** of psychology practitioners. The intent of the network is to **enable us to collect information about the practice and demographic characteristics of Canadian psychologist practitioners as well as demographic and clinical characteristics of the clients they assess and treat**. This work has been funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) out of a recognition that, collecting information on the activities of psychologists is critical to understanding Canada's mental health needs and services. The most recent report of our ongoing work can be found at:

<http://www.cpa.ca/cpaside/userfiles/Documents/MHSfinalreport.pdf>

In July, 2009 CPA is pleased to have entered into another contribution agreement with PHAC that will enable us move forward from the pilot testing of our practitioner surveys. The 2009 funding will enable us to distribute the reviewed and revised surveys more broadly among psychologist practitioners and will enable us to develop alternate forms of the survey – alternate forms that will target different kinds of psychological practice activity.

We would like to recruit 500 psychologists, Canada-wide, to participate. These 500 will be asked to complete from one to 4 web-based surveys over the course of two years. The surveys will ask questions about characteristics of the psychologist's practice (e.g. area of specialty, what kinds of problems and patient groups they work with) as well as questions about the clinical and demographic characteristics of the clients with whom the psychologist works. **Each survey will take up to 45 minutes to complete and we will remunerate the psychologist participant at the rate of \$75 per survey.**

If you can spare some time to contribute to this very worthwhile project, please contact us at practicenetwork@cpa.ca to register your interest and/or to get more information. This is an important opportunity for Canadian psychology to contribute to what is known about the mental health demands and utilization of Canadians.