

## **COMPUS: Promoting best practices in drug prescribing**

The Canadian Coordinating Office for Health Technology Assessment (CCOHTA) is launching a new program designed to help improve drug-related health outcomes and patient quality of life in Canada. COMPUS - the Canadian Optimal Medication Prescribing and Utilization Service - is a Canada-wide program to promote and encourage the use of best practices in drug prescribing and use by health care providers and their patients. COMPUS is funded by Health Canada.

Consultations with stakeholders during the development and implementation of the Canadian Optimal Medication Prescribing and Utilization Service (COMPUS) will be crucial to the success of the program. The first series of consultation sessions will be held in locations across Canada from October through December 2004.

### **Who should attend?**

Everyone is welcome to attend. The sessions will be of particular interest to:

- federal, provincial, territorial or private drug benefit programs
- patient advocacy groups
- health profession associations and regulatory bodies
- health research and related organizations
- academic institutions with medical, nursing or pharmacy programs
- drug manufacturers and their associations
- health professionals with an interest in best practices in medicine

### **What will the sessions include?**

- an introduction to COMPUS and its proposed methods of best practice collection, evaluation, development and uptake
- a review of the need for best practices in drug prescribing and use
- a description of how COMPUS fits with existing local, provincial and territorial best practice initiative
- a forum to share needs, challenges and issues in implementing best practices and to suggest ways to partner with COMPUS
- an opportunity to network to support successful best practice initiatives

### **Registration**

Sessions are free of charge, however registration is required.

For session details and to register, please visit the CCOHTA website at [www.ccohta.ca](http://www.ccohta.ca) or call Jocelyne Giroux at (613) 226 -2553 ext 482.

The success of COMPUS depends, in large part, on the support, input and feedback of a wide and diverse range of stakeholders. We encourage you to register now.