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### **RESEARCH INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES**

*Key Words: health services, quality of care, outcomes and processes of care, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, venous vascular disease, epidemiology, clinical epidemiology*

Dr. Ghali's research is in the general area of health services research with a focus on quality of health care delivery for four inter-related conditions: cardiovascular disease, cerebrovascular disease, venous vascular disease, and diabetes. He conducts a combination of applied studies assessing care delivery for these conditions and methodological research relating to the assessment of quality of care and outcomes. In related research, he is also the lead investigator of a research and innovation initiative – 'the Medical Ward of the 21<sup>ST</sup> Century' – that has as its focus the development of innovations to improve the quality of health care delivery.

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

<b><u>ROLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDING AGENCY</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE OF PROJECT</u></b>	<b><u>2010/11 ALLOCATION</u></b>
Principal Investigator	Government of Canada/ Province of Alberta	<i>The medical ward of the 21st. century</i>	1,200,000
	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<i>Deriving novel administrative data patient safety indicators for large-scale surveillance</i>	48,000
	Canada Foundation for Innovation	<i>Broadening the scope of APPROACH – 2</i>	80,000
	Canadian Institute for Health Information	<i>The quality and safety topic advisory group</i>	25,000
Co-Principal Investigator	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<i>Understanding 'troponinitis': Exploring myocardial injury and its clinical and health services implications</i>	54,000
Co-Investigator	Canadian Diabetes Association	<i>Alliance for Canadian health outcomes research in diabetes</i>	180,000
	Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada	<i>GENESIS PRAXY: Gender and sex determinants of cardiovascular disease</i>	250,000
	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<i>The Canadian cardiovascular outcomes research team - 2</i>	840,000

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Co- Investigator	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<i>Development, validation, and application of ICD-10 patient safety indicators</i>	70,000
	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<i>Rates and waits for cancer surgery in Canada: A mixed methods assessment</i>	140,000
	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<i>Access and quality of cardiac care for First Nations People</i>	73,000
	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<i>Development of audit with feedback intervention to improve acute cardiovascular care using APPROACH</i>	50,000
	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<i>Developing quality indicators to assess the care of adults with major traumatic injuries</i>	74,000
	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<i>Effect of physician alternative payment plans on the completeness and validity of administrative data</i>	68,000

## PUBLICATIONS

### Chapter in Book

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### **GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION**

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