



## **The Practice Change Fellows Program: Enhancing Leadership in Geriatric Care 2010 Call For Applications**

The Practice Change Fellows program is pleased to announce that, with the generosity of the Atlantic Philanthropies, the program has been funded for a fourth cohort of Fellows, and the 2010 award cycle is now open. This program is a two year opportunity for nurses, physicians, and social workers to develop leadership skills and content expertise in order to positively influence care for older adults. Fellows complete a project aimed at implementing a new geriatric program or service line integrated within their organization, allowing them to remain at their full time job throughout the two year program.

Eligible applicants must hold a leadership role in a health organization or institution and have service line or programmatic responsibility for care to older adults. They must be senior enough in their organization to have decision-making authority and be able to effectuate change. Nurses, physicians, and social workers are eligible to apply. Applications and more details are available at [www.practicechangefellows.org](http://www.practicechangefellows.org). The application deadline for the 2010 award cycle is April 7, 2010.

Up to ten Practice Change Fellows are selected through a national competition for each annual award cycle. Fellows receive \$90,000 over the two-year program and work with accomplished national mentors to design, implement, and evaluate a new project. This project will ideally focus on an innovative aging-related program or geriatric service line. Fellows will participate in tri-annual meetings where they will receive input on their projects from national program Mentors and Advisory Board Members, join in case-based discussions on how to effectuate change, and attend interactive presentations led by national experts. Completion of formal leadership training (local or national) is another core component of the program. By the end of the two years, Fellows will be able to articulate a vision for what they hope to accomplish in the upcoming five years and the steps necessary to achieve this vision.

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For more information and to request an application please visit [www.practicechangefellows.org](http://www.practicechangefellows.org).