Canada-International HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CIHRRC) Spring / Summer 2019 E-Update (June 2019)

New CIHRRC Members

The Canada-International HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CIHRRC) welcomes 4 new members! Carly Welham is the data reporting and evaluation officer at Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation in Vancouver, Courtney Dow is a Master’s of Physiotherapy Student at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nivetha Chandran and Konika Nirmalanathan are research assistants working with Kelly O’Brien’s in The Episodic Disability and Rehabilitation Research Lab at the University of Toronto (UofT). Konika is also an MSc Student in the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute (RSI) at the UofT, and Nivetha will be starting her MSc studies in RSI at the UofT in September 2019. CIHRRC now has a total of 95 members across 6 Countries.

CIHRRC Evolution Manuscript

Manuscript published!
We are pleased to announce that the publication of our manuscript: “Evolution of an International Research Collaborative in HIV and Rehabilitation: Community Engaged Process, Lessons Learned and Recommendations” was published in Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research Education and Action, outlining the experience establishing our International Collaborative in HIV and Rehabilitation Research. To access this manuscript, please visit: http://muse.jhu.edu/article/716648.

CIHRRC Member Publications

Below are new manuscript publications by CIHRRC members:


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Knowledge Translation

Broadening the Lens: What can we Learn from Other Complex Conditions for Successful Ageing with HIV?

On November 9 2018, CIHRRC in collaboration with King's College London (KCL) conducted a one-day International Symposium "Broadening the Lens: What can we Learn from Other Complex Conditions for Successful Ageing with HIV?" This symposium took place at KCL in London, UK.

The aim of the symposium was to advance knowledge and partnerships in the area of rehabilitation in the context of HIV and other complex chronic and episodic conditions.

This symposium brought together 77 stakeholders, including researchers, community leaders, clinicians, research and health professional trainees, and people living with HIV from the United Kingdom (n=74), Canada (n=2) and Ireland (n=1) with the goal of exchanging evidence related to rehabilitation, HIV and complex chronic disease.

The planning team will present on the recommendations that emerged from the Symposium at the upcoming AIDS Impact Conference in London, UK (July 29-31, 2019)

To access Videos of the Symposium Presentations visit the CIHRRC YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUwuGlyp12Nry0Z_3NypcH7VbYTetbTYx


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CIHRRC Member Updates

Rehabilitation Oncology released a HIV Special Issue January 2019 37(1), and CIHRRC Members, Mary Lou Galantino and David Kietrys were co-editors, publishing an editor’s message and research roundup in this January 2019 issue. The issue can be found at: https://journals.lww.com/rehabonc/Fulltext/2019/01000/HIV_Disease_and_Rehabilitation.10.aspx

- Kietrys, D.M., Galantino, M.L. Research Round-up: HIV Disease and Rehabilitation. Rehabilitation Oncology. 2019

Jaime Vera is pleased to announce the launch of the Positive Living Programme at the Sussex Beacon in Brighton, UK. The program is a physiotherapy led supervised group-based on individualized exercises and educational support with HIV, general health and physical activity. For more information on the program please visit: https://www.sussexbeacon.org.uk/services-we-provide/positive-living-programme/

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Realize hosted a **Think Tank** on March 4th, 2019 in Toronto Ontario, focused on increasing physical activity for people living with HIV. The Think Tank brought together experts in physical activity, community-members, researchers, and staff from community-based HIV organizations to discuss facilitators and barriers to participation in, and strategies to enhance physical activity. Outcomes from this event included:

- **Three policy briefs on HIV and Physical Activity**:
  - Incorporating physical activity into community-based HIV organizations
  - Making fitness centres more accessible for people living with HIV
  - Making physical activity more accessible for women living with HIV

Realize also worked with a health economist from the University of Toronto to develop a business case to examine the cost-effectiveness of providing publicly-funded access to physiotherapy services within primary care settings. This business case was presented in Saskatoon at the **2019 CAHR conference**. Link to access the business case: [http://www.realizecanada.org/wp-content/uploads/REALIZE-Business-Case-Access-to-Physiotherapy.pdf](http://www.realizecanada.org/wp-content/uploads/REALIZE-Business-Case-Access-to-Physiotherapy.pdf)

**Conferences (Past and Upcoming)**

**British HIV Association (BHIVA) Autumn Conference 2018**

**British HIV Association (BHIVA) Spring Conference 2019**

**AIDS Impact – 14th International Conference 2019: London, United Kingdom**
The 14th International AIDS Impact Conference will take place from **July 29th – 31st, 2019** in London, UK. The AIDS Impact Conference is an International behavioral and psychosocial science conference addressing issues related to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care. For more information on the conference program, to register for the conference, or to submit a late breaker abstract visit: [http://www.aidsimpact.com/](http://www.aidsimpact.com/). The deadline for a late breaker abstract submission is **July 17 2019**.

**Canadian Association of HIV Research (CAHR) 2020: Quebec City, Canada**
The 29th Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research (CAHR) will be held from **April 30th - May 3rd, 2020** in Quebec City, Quebec. For more information on the conference as the date approaches, please visit [https://www.cahr-acrv.ca/future-cahr-conferences/](https://www.cahr-acrv.ca/future-cahr-conferences/).
The POZ Effect – Online Conference against HIV Stigma 2019
University Without Walls (UWW) and Dr. Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco will be holding a Virtual Conference on HIV Stigma on June 13, 2019. This conference will feature live academics and community top-notch presenters featuring information on sex/dating and results from the stigma studies. The Program and FREE Registration can be found here: www.pozeffect.ca. You can submit your academic or audiovisual work related to HIV Stigma, to the Media Fair (new wave of poster presentations) here: http://pozeffect.ca/media-fair/.

Conference Presentations & Abstracts


CIHRRC Website
http://cihrrc.hivandrehab.ca/index.php

Please send updates from your work on HIV and rehabilitation research you wish to share on the CIHRRC website or in the newsletter.

CIHRRC Steering Committee

Kelly O’Brien; Francisco Ibanez-Carrasco, Cathy Worthington; Esther McDonnell; Tammy Yates; Patty Solomon; Colleen Price

If you are interested in becoming a member of the CIHRRC Steering Committee, please contact Kelly O’Brien.

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For more information on these activities and/or the CIHRRC, please contact Rachel Aubry CIHRRC Coordinator, at cihrrc@utoronto.ca or visit the CIHRRC website at http://cihrrc.hivandrehab.ca/

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