

The Canada-UK HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CUHRRC) Spring/Summer E-Update (July 2014)

CUHRRC is an international research collaborative comprised of over 40 people living with HIV, researchers, clinicians, representatives from AIDS service organizations and policy stakeholders in Canada, the United Kingdom (UK), the United States of America (USA) and Ireland with an interest in HIV and rehabilitation research. The following is an update on CUHRRC activities since our e-update in December 2013.

Upcoming Events



2nd International Forum on HIV and Rehabilitation Research (October 11th, 2014)

CUHRRC and the Rehabilitation in HIV Association (RHIVA) in collaboration with the British HIV Association (BHIVA) Autumn 2014 Conference invite you to the 2nd International Forum on HIV and Rehabilitation Research. Join researchers, clinicians, students, community organization representatives, and people living with HIV to translate research, evidence and knowledge on HIV, disability and rehabilitation. The Forum, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), will include a series of research evidence panel sessions translating evidence on research priorities in HIV and rehabilitation emerging from countries such as Canada, the UK and Ireland. Forum speaker sessions will be filmed and uploaded to the CUHRRC Knowledge Translation and Exchange (KTE) Library for broader dissemination.

- **When:** Saturday October 11th, 2014
- **Time:** 9:00am – 5:15pm
- **Venue:** Gleeson Lecture Theatre, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London, UK
- **Registration Fee:** £50-Standard and £25-Students/Concessionary
- Click here to register: <http://www.physicaltherapy.utoronto.ca/2nd-international-forum-hiv-rehabilitation-research>

**Please note you will be redirected to a webpage on the Department of Physical Therapy, University of Toronto website to complete your registration.*

For more information, contact Nkem Iku (CUHRRC Coordinator) at cuhrrc@utoronto.ca

BHIVA Autumn Conference 2014 (October 9-10th, 2014)

The British HIV Association (BHIVA) invited CUHRRC and the Rehabilitation HIV Association (RHIVA) to conduct a Special Session on HIV and Rehabilitation Research at the BHIVA Autumn Conference in London, UK. The purpose of this session is to raise awareness about the role of rehabilitation in the context of HIV care, and highlight ways to recognize the need for rehabilitation, referral and access to rehabilitation for people living with HIV in countries such as Canada and the UK.

- **Date for CUHRRC-RHIVA Special Session:** Friday October 10th, 2014
- **Time:** 1:10-2:40pm
- **Venue:** Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, UK
- **For more information about how to register for the BHIVA Autumn 2014 Conference (which will enable access to the session)** please visit: <http://www.bhiva.org/AutumnConference2014.aspx>. Early bird registration ends on August 15th, 2014

Announcements

CUHRRC Member Jo Josh Profiled in the Media –Call for More Support for Older Adults Living with HIV

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) released a UK wide press release on June 15th, 2014 in advance of their annual congress calling for more support and help for people living into older age with HIV from people working in the health care system. To view the RCN’s press release, go

to: http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/press_releases/uk/nurses_call_for_greater_support_for_older_people_living_with_hiv

In response to this press release, the BBC News Health invited UK CUHRRC member Jo Josh, to conduct an interview on the experiences of older adults living with HIV within the health care system. To watch this interview, go

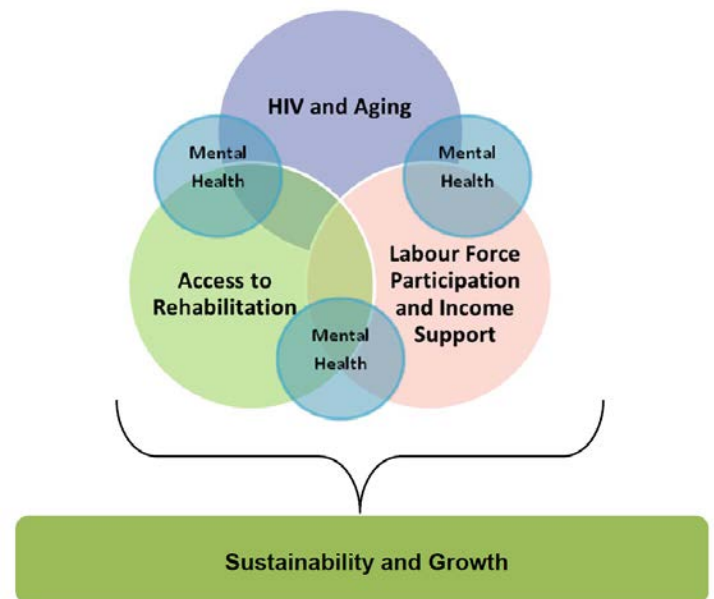
to: <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-27856248>

Updates from the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR)

CWGHR’s Strategic Plan for 2014-2017

On Friday June 13th, 2014, the CWGHR launched their Strategic Plan for 2014-2017 at the Annual General Meeting. The Strategic Plan highlights CWGHR’s mission as a leader and catalyst for improved rehabilitation for people living with HIV and related conditions through integrated research, education, policy and practice. This includes five strategic directions to guide CWGHR’s work from 2014-2017 which include: aging, access to rehabilitation, labour force and income support, intersections with mental health, and sustainability and growth.

To access the CWGHR Strategic Plan 2014-2017 go to: <http://hivandrehab.ca/EN/AGM2014/documents/CWGHR-Strategic-Plan-2014-2017.pdf>



Updated E-Module for Evidence Informed HIV Rehabilitation 2014 Now Available Online

The CWGHR updated the E-Module For Evidence-Informed HIV Rehabilitation. The E-Module is a comprehensive resource for rehabilitation professionals to respond to the increasingly role for rehabilitation in the context of HIV. To access CWGHR’s updated E-Module, go

to: http://www.hivandrehab.ca/EN/information/care_providers/documents/CWGHR_E-moduleEvidence-InformedHIVRehabilitationfinal.pdf

CWGHR’s Interprofessional Learning Module Facilitator’s Guide

In collaboration with the University of British Columbia, University of Manitoba, University of Toronto and Dalhousie University, CWGHR developed a Facilitator’s Guide for the Inter-professional Learning online module series on “Rehabilitation in the Context of HIV”. This guide provides useful tools focused on using the modules interactively with inter-professional groups, and strategies for the delivery of inter-professional learning activities more broadly. In June 2014, the facilitator’s guide was presented as All Together Better Health, an international inter-professional education conference in Pittsburg, USA, and the Annual Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) Symposium in Toronto, Canada. To access the guide, go

to: http://www.hivandrehab.ca/EN/information/care_providers/documents/CWGHRFacilitatorGuide-FinalVersion-March2014.pdf

Knowledge Translation

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Galantino ML, Kietrys D, Parrott JS, Stevens ME, Steves AM, Condoluci DV. Quality of Life and Self-Reported Lower Extremity Function in Adults with HIV-related Distal Sensory Polyneuropathy. *Physical Therapy Journal*. doi: 10.2522/ptj.20130337. <http://ptjournal.apta.org/content/early/2014/05/15/ptj.20130337.full.pdf+html>

O'Brien KK, Solomon P, Trentham B, MacLachlan D, MacDermid J, Tynan AM, Baxter L, Casey A, Chegwiddden W, Robinson G, Tran T, Wu J, Zack E. Evidence-informed recommendations for rehabilitation with older adults living with HIV: a knowledge synthesis. *BMJ Open* 2014;4:e004692. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2013-004692. <http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/4/5/e004692.full>

O'Brien KK, Solomon P, Worthington C, Ibáñez-Carrasco F, Baxter L, Nixon SA, Baltzer-Turje R, The HIV, Health And Rehabilitation Survey Catalyst Team. Considerations for Conducting Web-Based Survey Research With People Living With Human Immunodeficiency Virus Using a Community-Based Participatory Approach. *J Med Internet Res* 2014;16(3):e81. URL: <http://www.jmir.org/2014/3/e81/> doi: 10.2196/jmir.3064.

Conference Presentations

The 16th International Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists in collaboration with the 48th Japanese Occupational Therapy Congress and Expo, Yokohama, Japan (June 2014)

- Oral presentation: Camilla Hawkins. Keizoku wa chikara nari: Continuing on after a setback is its own kind of strength: performing Everyday Activities in the context of HIV-associated Neurological Disorder.
- Poster presentation: Camilla Hawkins. What has Gender Got to Do with It? Assessing the performance of Everyday Activities by Men and Women with HIV-associated Neurocognitive Disorders.

College of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference, Brighton, England (June, 2014)

- Facilitated poster discussion: McDonnell E, Hawkins C, Chegwiddden W, O'Brien K, Noschese J, Rich R, Stevens E. Specialist HIV OTs in the UK and Canada - a dying breed or a chance for renewal?

The 23rd Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada (May, 2014)

- Oral presentation: O'Brien KK, Ibáñez-Carrasco F, Solomon P, Harding R, Chegwiddden W, Cattaneo J, Baxter L, Gahagan J, Merritt B, Gayle P, Baltzer-Turje R, Worthington C, Iku, N, Zack E. Advancing Research and Practice in HIV and Rehabilitation: A Framework of New and Emerging Research Priorities in HIV, Disability and Rehabilitation.
- Poster presentation: O'Brien KK, Solomon P, Bergin C, O'Dea S, Stratford P, Iku N, Bayoumi AM. Reliability and Validity of the HIV Disability Questionnaire (HDQ) with Adults Living with HIV in Canada and Ireland.
- Poster presentation: Solomon P, O'Brien K, Wilkins S, Gervais N. Aging with HIV: A Model of Disability.
- Poster presentation: Nixon S, Bond VA, Solomon P, Hanass-Hancock J, Mainbolwa M, Menon A, Siwale M, Simwaba P, Zack E, Ibáñez-Carrasco F, Musheke M, Mwamba C, Cameron C. The Sepo II Study: Using a Disability Framework to examine experiences of ART among women and men living with HIV in Lusaka, Zambia.
- Oral presentation: Wertheimer S, Gahagan J, Scruton S, Condran B, Loufty M, Montgomery R, Stein N, Gathering of Our Spirit Collaborative. The National Consensus Statement on Women, Trans People and Girls and HIV Research in Canada: Implications for Epidemiology and Public Health.

British HIV Association 2014 Spring Conference, Liverpool, England (April, 2014)

- Poster presentation: Brown D, Nelson M, Claffey A. Quality of life outcomes and service user evaluation of a pilot physiotherapy rehabilitation programme for people living with HIV. *HIV Medicine*, 2014, 15 (Suppl 3), 32.

Newsletters

CUHRRC in collaboration with CWGHR and the Canadian Association for HIV/AIDS Research (CAHR) produced a document (Road Map) to highlight HIV and rehabilitation research presented at the 2014 Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research for conference delegates. We then developed a rapporteur summary of the HIV and rehabilitation content presented at CAHR 2014. The purpose of the Road Map and Rapporteur Summary is to increase awareness of research in the field of HIV and rehabilitation.

[Click here](#) to access the road map.

Please reference to the Knowledge Translation webpage on the CUHRRC website to access to Rapporteur Summary report (http://cuhrrc.hivandrehab.ca/knowledge_translation.php).

CUHRRC-Related Research Updates



The *HIV, Health and Rehabilitation Survey* (HHRs) is a Canada wide online survey with the overall goal to establish a comprehensive profile of the range of health conditions people with HIV in Canada live with, the health-related challenges they experience (disability) and the rehabilitation services and living strategies that they use to deal with their health related challenges.

Launched in October 2013, the HHRs team has collaborated with 28 AIDS Service and Community Based Organizations, clinics and health centres across the country to invite over 4000 adults living with HIV to participate in the study. The data collection phase will close at the end of July 2014. To date, we received complete survey responses from approximately **1087** participants across Canada. Data cleaning and analysis will occur over the course of the Summer / Fall 2014 and a face-to-face team meeting is scheduled in Toronto on **Wednesday April 29th, 2015**.

The HIV, Health and Rehabilitation Survey is funded by the CIHR, HIV/AIDS Research Initiative.



For more information on the HHRs please visit the HHRs webpage on the CUHRRC website http://cuhrrc.hivandrehab.ca/current_studies.php or contact Nkem Iku at nkem.iku@utoronto.ca

CUHRRC Website Updates

<http://cuhrrc.hivandrehab.ca/index.php>

Updates to the CUHRRC website are made 7 times per year. Please feel free to send updates from your work on HIV and rehabilitation research you wish to share on the CUHRRC website or in the newsletter. If you haven't already, please send along a brief description of yourself and a picture for posting on the website to Nkem Iku, CUHRRC Coordinator at cuhrrc@utoronto.ca by **September 30th, 2014**.

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Stay Tuned!

Next Issue of CUHRRC E-Update- December 2014

Next CUHRRC Membership Teleconference- Early 2015

For more information on these activities and/or the CUHRRRC, please contact Nkem Iku, CUHRRRC coordinator, at cuhrrc@utoronto.ca or visit the CUHRRRC website at cuhrrc.hivandrehab.ca

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