



Canada-UK HIV Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CUHRRC) Terms of Reference for Members

The Canada-UK HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CUHRRC) is an international research collaborative that includes people living with HIV, researchers, clinicians, representatives from AIDS service organizations, and policy stakeholders in Canada and the United Kingdom (UK) with an interest in HIV and rehabilitation research.

CUHRRC was established in October 2009 after a three day meeting held in London, UK (funded by a CIHR Meetings, Planning and Dissemination grant) aimed to establish partnerships with researchers, clinicians, and community organizations in Canada and the UK. Participants facilitated knowledge transfer and exchange on HIV and rehabilitation education, and service delivery; and developed an international collaborative research agenda to address research priorities in HIV and rehabilitation by establishing partnerships

Guiding Principles:

CUHRRC is based on the belief that forming partnerships and exchanging knowledge among countries with individuals experiencing similar types of disability related to HIV is a first step in bridging widespread clinical knowledge in the UK with the strong research foundation on HIV and rehabilitation in Canada.

CUHRRC aims to build on the enthusiasm of individual members to facilitate the advancement of research ideas and activities related to HIV and rehabilitation research. CUHRRC also supports the GIPA principle (Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS).

Research Priorities:

With direction from the CUHRRC Steering Committee, the CUHRRC membership will pursue a variety of research initiatives that address research priorities in HIV and rehabilitation identified by the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR)¹. The current research priorities in HIV and rehabilitation include:

1. Disability and episodic disability
2. Concurrent health conditions aging with HIV
3. HIV and the brain
4. Labour force and income support
5. Access to and effect of rehabilitation
6. Development and evaluation of outcome measurement tools

These priorities will be reviewed and updated regularly as new knowledge and priorities related to HIV and rehabilitation evolve in Canada and the UK.

Membership:

The CUHRRC will include representative(s) from the CWGHR, people living with HIV, clinicians and researchers in Canada and the UK. Anyone who is interested can join CUHRRC. Membership will include receipt of CUHRRC communication via listserve and the opportunity to engage in CUHRRC's activities as outlined below.

Roles and Responsibilities for CUHRRC Members:

Primary roles and responsibilities of CUHRRC Members will be to:

- Participate in ongoing discussions, research activities and funding opportunities to facilitate increased coordination and enhanced opportunities for research on HIV, disability and rehabilitation.
- Participate in meetings to plan and implement research activities through CUHRRC in Canada and the UK.
- Participate in the review of knowledge translation materials and dissemination of research findings to community-based audiences.
- Facilitate the translation of research knowledge, progress, and findings on HIV, disability and rehabilitation. This may include but are not limited to co-authoring peer reviewed publications, writing newsletter articles, developing factsheets and presenting at conferences.

Communication:

The CUHRRC Membership will aim to meet via teleconference approximately 2 times per year in addition to specific meetings that relate to different research initiatives ongoing with CUHRRC members (as funding permits). Individual communication among CUHRRC members will occur as needed.

CUHRRC members may work collectively with each other and/or the CUHRRC Steering Committee to apply for funding to facilitate a face-to-face meeting approximately every 2 years (as funding permits) in order to review, revise and pursue emerging and existing research priorities in HIV, disability and rehabilitation.

Access to Data:

Access to raw data related to this research collaborative will be limited to members directly involved as study investigators in the research activity and will adhere to research ethics board requirements. CUHRRC members not directly involved as study investigators may review anonymous portions of data to assist with the interpretations of findings.

Authorship:

Authorship of publications related to CUHRRC activities will be negotiated as it relates to specific research projects and specific investigators involved in the work in accordance with the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) Authorship Guidelines.²

References

¹ O'Brien K, Wilkins A, Zack E, Solomon P. Scoping the field: Identifying key research priorities in HIV and rehabilitation. AIDS and Behavior. April 2010, 14:2. 448-58. DOI 10.1007/s10461-009-9528-z

² International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. Uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals: writing and editing for biomedical publication. Available at: http://www.icmje.org/urm_main.html. Accessed: October 6, 2010