

Canada-International HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CIHRRC) Winter 2020 E-Update (January 2020)

New CIHRRC Members

The **Canada-International HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CIHRRC)** welcomes **13 new members!** Four new members from Canada: **Anson Au**, PhD student at the University of Toronto; **Andrew Eaton**, PhD student and Research Director at the University of Toronto; **Gina Laliberte**, Occupational Therapist at Nine Circles Community Center; and **Ryan Wannamaker**, Nurse at Casey House. Six new members from South Africa, including four members from University of KwaZulu-Natal: **Levin Chetty**, Senior Technical Assistant; **Verusia Chetty**, Senior Lecturer; **Saul Cobbing**, Physiotherapist and Senior Lecturer; and **Stacy Theresa Lawler**, Lecturer; as well as two members from University of Witwatersrand: **Hellen Myezwa**, Associate Professor and Physiotherapist; and **Tunde Adajidahun**, Researcher. One new member from India: **Manoj Pardesi**, General Secretary, National Coalition of People Living with HIV in India; and two new members from the United Kingdom: **Sarah Silberston**, Physiotherapist at Brighton General Hospital; and **Nicholas Flanagan**, Physiotherapist at South Tyneside & Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust. CIHRRC now has **109 members** across eight countries.

CIHRRC Member Updates

A Model of Care for the Rehabilitation of People Living with HIV in a Rural Community Context in South Africa

Verusia Chetty, Associate Professor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and her team: **Saul Cobbing**, **Stacy Maddocks** and **Levin Chetty** developed a model of care to influence the rehabilitation of people living with HIV in a resource limited setting in South Africa. The model informs efforts to support the current government initiative to strengthen disability and rehabilitation services ([Chetty et al. 2015](#)).

Currently, Chetty and the team are exploring rehabilitation approaches feasible for such resource-limited contexts. Dr. Saul Cobbing led a home-based exercise program, Stacy Maddocks developed a model of care for the rehabilitation for children living with HIV and Levin Chetty aims to explore intervention guides for older people living with HIV.

For more information on the Model of Care by **Verusia Chetty** visit <https://bit.ly/36IAQlt>.

CIHRRC Member Publications:

- **Brown, DA**, Simmons, B, Boffito, M, **Aubry, R**, Nwokolo, N, **Harding, R**, **O'Brien, KK**. (2019). Evaluation of the psychometric properties of the HIV Disability Questionnaire among adults living with HIV in the United Kingdom: A cross-sectional self-report measurement study. *PLoS one*, 14(7). <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0213222>
- **Restall, G**, Simms, A, Etcheverry, E, Roger, K, James, D, Roddy, P, Porch, W, Potts, J, Skitch, D, **Yates, T**. (2019). Supporting choices about HIV disclosure in the workplace: A cross-Canada survey of strategies. *Work*. <https://doi.org/10.3233/WOR-193035>
- **O'Brien, KK**, Hanna, S, **Solomon, P**, **Worthington, C**, **Ibáñez-Carrasco, F**, **Carusone, SC**, Nixon, S, **Merrit, B**, **Gahagan J**, **Baxter, L**, **Gayle, P**, Robinson, G, **Baltzer Turje, R**, **Tattle, S**, **Yates, T**. (2019). Characterizing the disability experience among adults living with HIV: a structural equation model using the HIV disability questionnaire (HDQ) within the HIV, health and rehabilitation survey. *BMC infectious diseases*, 19(1), 594 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12879-019-4203-0>

- **O’Brien, KK, Kietrys, D, Galantino, ML, Parrott, JS, Davis, T, Tran, Q, Aubry, R, Solomon, P.** (2019). Reliability and validity of the HIV disability questionnaire (HDQ) with adults living with HIV in the United States. *Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (JIAPAC)*, 18, 2325958219888461. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2325958219888461>
- **O’Brien, KK, Bergin, C, Solomon, P, O’Dea, S, Forde, C, & Vajravelu, S.** (2019). Cross-cultural applicability of the episodic disability framework with adults living with HIV in Ireland: a qualitative study. *Disability and rehabilitation*, 1-12. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09638288.2019.1621395>
- **Kietrys, D, Myezwa, H, Galantino, ML, Parrott, JS, Davis, T, Levin, T, O’Brien, KK, Hanass-Hancock, J.** (2019). Functional limitations and disability in persons living with HIV in South Africa and United States: similarities and differences. *Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (JIAPAC)*, 18, 2325958219850558. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2325958219850558>
- **Solomon P, Salbach N, O’Brien KK, Nixon S, Baxter L, Gervais N.** (2019) Evaluation of a Community-Based Self-Management Program to Increase Access to Rehabilitation for People Living with HIV. *Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (JIAPAC)* 18: 1-7, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2325958219883334>
- **Solomon P, Salbach N, O’Brien KK, Nixon S, Baxter L, Gervais N.** (2019) An Educational Intervention to Promote Access to Rehabilitation in People living with HIV. *Disability, CBR and Community Development*.
- **Solomon P, O’Brien KK, McGuff R, Sankey M.** (2019) A Longitudinal Qualitative Study on Living Strategies for Disability in Men Aging with HIV in Ontario, Canada. *BMJ Open* 2019; 9:e031262. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2019-031262>
- **Solomon P, Bond G, Cameron C, Menon A, Maimbola M, Nixon S.** (2019) Types of Episodic Disability among People Living with HIV in Zambia. *AIDS Care*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09540121.2019.1687836>.

CIHRRC Full Membership Teleconference Meeting – November 2019

Managing older people with HIV: What are the challenges and what can we do about it

Jaime Vera MD PhD
Senior Lecturer in HIV and Consultant



CIHRRC hosted a Full Membership Teleconference Meeting on **Tuesday November 12, 2019**. The purpose of this meeting was to welcome new CIHRRC members, to exchange knowledge and to share updates on HIV and rehabilitation research. **Dr. Jaime Vera**, Senior Lecturer and Consultant Physician for the Lawson Unit at Brighton Sussex University Hospital presented on the **Positive Living Programme**, a rehabilitation program for people living with HIV at the Sussex Beacon in London, UK. Meeting minutes and Dr. Vera’s presentation slides were circulated to CIHRRC members following the meeting.

Please contact Rachel Aubry at rachel.aubry@utoronto.ca if you would like a copy of the meeting minutes or slides.

Upcoming Conferences and Meetings

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combine Sections Meeting (CSM), Denver Colorado

CIHRRC Members **David Kietrys, Mary Lou Galantino and Sarah Pullen** will present an educational session at the APTA CSM **February 12-15, 2020** in Denver Colorado entitled: ‘How to Identify and Manage Common Comorbidities in Persons Living with HIV’.

Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) Conference 2020, Quebec City, Quebec

The 29th Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research will take place on **April 30-May 3, 2020**. This conference is an opportunity for those working in the discipline of HIV/AIDS research, along with policy makers, community members and others to come together and discuss their work. Many CIHRRC members have submitted abstracts and plan to attend. For more info, please visit: <https://www.cahr-acrv.ca/conference/>.

HIV and Aging Workshop 2020, New York City, United States

The 11th International Workshop on HIV and Aging will take place on **October 1-2, 2020**. A team of cross-disciplinary experts, trainees and community members will gather with the goal of stimulating and guiding research that will enable better treatment methods and strategies for older adults with HIV; to encourage young investigators; and to stimulate new partnerships between investigators in HIV and aging. Stay tuned more info on abstract submissions and deadlines here: <https://www.virology-education.com/event/upcoming/international-workshop-hiv-aging-2020/>.

World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) Congress 2021, Dubai, UAE

The WCPT Congress will take place on **April 8-10, 2021** in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The Congress Program Committee is currently accepting proposals for focused symposia on any topic relevant in the profession. CIHRRC Members are planning to submit a proposal for a focused symposium on using CIHRRC as an exemplar to advance HIV and physiotherapy practice and research. Abstract submissions will open up in April 2020. For more info please visit: <https://www.wcpt.org/wcpt2021>.

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 upcoming E-Update.

CIHRRC Steering Committee

Kelly O'Brien; Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, Cathy Worthington; Esther McDonnell; Tammy Yates; Patty Solomon; Colleen Price; Stacy Theresa Lawler

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

Stay Tuned! Next Issue of CIHRRC E-Update will be in Fall 2020! You can also follow us on **Twitter @CIHRRC!**

For more information on these activities and/or 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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