



Updates on the Canada-UK HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CUHRRC): Winter E-Update (December 2013)

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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 newsletter e-update in July 2013.

New CUHRRC Members

- 1) The CUHRRC welcomes four new members to the collaborative. **Poul Rohleder** is a clinical psychologist, and course group leader and principal lecturer at the Department of Psychology and Anglia Ruskin University. His research focus is in the area of sexual health psychology, with a particular focus on people with disabilities and risk for HIV, and access to HIV-related health care. **Nancy Salbach** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and an Associate Member of the Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science at the University of Toronto. Her HIV-related work is focused on the uptake and adaptation of the CWGHR e-module on evidence-informed rehabilitation. **Colm Bergin** is a Consultant Physician in Infectious Diseases at St James's Hospital, Dublin and Clinical Professor of Medicine at Trinity College Dublin. He is also the Associate Director of the Wellcome-Health Research Board (HRB) Clinical Research Facility at St. James's Hospital Dublin, the National Specialty Director in Infectious Diseases at Royal College of Physicians Ireland (RCPI) and the Dean of Postgraduate Medical Training at RCPI. **Siobhan O'Dea** is an HIV Nurse Specialist at the Department of Genito Urinary Medicine and Infectious Diseases (GUIDE) at St. James's Hospital, Dublin. She has worked as a nurse for over 25 years, and has specialised and worked in the areas of addiction and HIV for the last 20 years. Colm and Siobhan collaborated with Kelly on the validation of the HIV Disability Questionnaire (HDQ) for use in Ireland. They are CUHRRC's first members from Ireland. Welcome all!

Updates to CUHRRC Website

- 2) CUHRRC and CWGHR developed an online evaluation survey for the CUHRRC website. The purpose of this evaluation is for CUHRRC to gather evidence related to the impact of information available on the website. The survey can be accessed at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CUHRRCWebsiteFeedback>. We encourage all CUHRRC members to complete this survey.

Knowledge Translation Activities

- 3) **International Forum on HIV and Rehabilitation Research- Post Forum Updates.** The International Forum on HIV and Rehabilitation Research was held in Toronto in June 2013. Members of the Forum Planning Committee are developing an online Forum Knowledge Transfer and Exchange (KTE) Library. The purpose of the KTE Library is to further translate research evidence knowledge on HIV and rehabilitation presented at the Forum to people living with HIV, researchers, clinicians, representatives of community organizations, and policy makers in Canada, and internationally. The KTE Library will contain the Forum report, video recordings of presentations from the plenary and research evidence panel sessions, and the speakers' presentation slides (translated in French and English). Stay tuned for more details on the formal KTE Library Launch in early 2014! To access the current library development in progress, please go to: <http://www.hivandrehab.ca/EN/AGM2013/index.php>.

Launch of the HIV, Health and Rehabilitation Survey (HHR)



4) On **Wednesday October 9th, 2013**, members of the CUHRRC Initiated HHR Team launched the data collection phase of the study. Over 3500 adults living with HIV across Canada were invited to participate in the study. We are two months into recruitment and data collection working with 17 AIDS Service and Community Based Organizations across the country.

To date, we received complete survey responses from approximately 420 participants across Canada. We still have a ways to go in order to reach our targeted sample size, and welcome more interested adults living with HIV in Canada to participate in the HHR.

For more information on the HHR please visit the HHR webpage on the CUHRRC website http://cuhrrc.hivandrehab.ca/current_studies.php. To view the 'Penguin Video Trailer' about the HHR produced by Patriic Gayle go to: <http://cuhrrc.hivandrehab.ca/hhrs-video.php>

For more information, please contact Nkem Iku, Research Coordinator at nkem.iku@utoronto.ca.

CUHRRC Membership Meeting

5) CUHRRC is holding a membership teleconference meeting on **Wednesday January 22nd, 2014 at 2pm-3pm Eastern Standard Time**. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce new CUHRRC members from the United States of America and update the collaborative on CUHRRC related activities. Please stay tuned as Nkem Iku will send out more details for the meeting closer to the scheduled date.

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

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