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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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It has been quite an eventful spring this year! We are very excited about the new Ontario Internationally Educated Physiotherapy Bridging Program (OIEPB) which started its first cohort of students May 1st. The Program Director, Dr. Sharon Switzer-McIntyre has highlighted the program in the 'PT Profiles' section below.

Dr. Barbara Gibson was successful in being awarded tenure effective July 1st. Barbara has been with the Department as Assistant Professor since 2007, after having completed her PhD in the Collaborative Program in Bioethics, and Collaborative Program in Health Care, Technology and Place, Institute of Medical Science, at the University of Toronto. Congratulations to Barb on her well-deserved success!



**Dr. Barbara Gibson PhD,  
MSc, BMR(PT)**

The curriculum renewal project which was initiated as a result of feedback from the Strategic Planning process is well underway. We will be sharing the status of our plans with the community shortly.

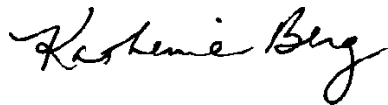
Marla Beauchamp gave a brilliant talk during the Faculty of Medicine Annual Awards reception on May 9th, which is a celebration of students who have received awards and the donors who have made them possible. Marla spoke about the impact the award she received had on her personally, enabling her to focus on rehabilitation research; specifically research to improve the care provided after an injury, during an illness and throughout the course of aging. She talked about the huge difference donors' contributions make to students at UofT, encouraging them at 'both the university and community level'.

The fourth annual Rehabilitation Sciences Sector Showcase was held May 2nd, *Charting New Territory in Research and Education*. This year, the exceptional keynote presentation by Dr. Tom Chau, "Brains, vocal folds, skin – we are hardwired for communication", was very well received by all. Tom, who was recently named by the Globe and Mail as one of 25 Transformational Canadians, is a Senior Scientist at the Bloorview Research Institute, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. Incorporated into the day were Clinical Education events, students'

posters and poster awards, student research presentations by Anne Hunt, Shelley Mitchell and Nick Reed, and Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Sciences events.

The Spring Reunion 2012 was a great "fun affair" on June 1st and 2nd for grads of years ending in 2 or 7. It started at Pogue Mahone's bar on Friday evening and included students who will be graduating in November. The breakfast and meeting were held at the Rehab Sciences building (500 University Ave.) on Saturday morning. Lots of grads attended and the students presented a slide show of their activities. The guest speakers for the event were two OS&OT students who had interviewed Her Excellency Mrs. Sharon Johnston (wife of Canada's Governor General) who graduated from the UofT P&OT program in 1966. The presentation was an audio and video in which Her Excellency discussed the recognition of PT and OT in Canada and the need for much more public information about our professions. The morning concluded with tours of the building including Karl Zabjek and Sunita Mather's lab with the opportunity for some fun with the Wii which they use for research. A very successful event as always!

In closing, I would like to thank all the individuals who read the Computerized Administered Profiles (CAPS) this year. Thanks so much to the 119 clinicians, 38 faculty and 66 students who helped mark the exams!



Katherine Berg  
Chair, Department of Physical Therapy

## PT PROFILES

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### THE ONTARIO INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED PHYSIOTHERAPY BRIDGING PROGRAM (OIEPB)

***By Sharon Switzer-McIntyre, Vice Chair Education, Department of Physical Therapy***

The Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Toronto is the new host site for the Ontario Internationally Educated Physical Therapists Bridging (OIEPB) Program.

The Bridging Program is designed to provide educational opportunities for physical therapists educated outside of Canada, who already possess specified qualifications, to develop the additional knowledge, skills and clinical reasoning required to meet Canadian entry-to-practice standards. To facilitate success in the Canadian workplace the Bridging Program emphasizes cultural and workplace integration.

#### **The Program:**

Physical therapists (PTs) educated outside Canada often require assistance to register and practice as a physical therapist in Ontario. The bridging program offers academic curriculum and clinical education opportunities to:

- Increase understanding of how physical therapy is practiced in Ontario
- Enhance skills in managing cultural differences
- Enhance PT practice knowledge and skills
- Gain valuable supervised clinical experience in Ontario workplaces

- Build exam taking skills for multiple choice questions (MCQ) and Objective Structured Clinical Evaluation (OSCE) exams
- Have a mentor who is a registered physical therapist in Ontario

To address the learning needs of PTs educated outside of Canada the Bridging Program has identified two programs streams:

1. a Comprehensive Bridging Program
2. a Modular Bridging Program

### **Comprehensive Bridging Program:**

The 10 month part-time Comprehensive Bridging Program assists qualified internationally educated physical therapists to work towards Ontario registration. The first half of the Program focuses on Health Care Culture and Communication, Physiotherapy Practice within The Canadian Health Care System and Fundamental Clinical Skills Review. Students will then complete a 4 week clinical internship. The second half of the Bridging Program focuses on Integrated Professional Practice and Clinical Reasoning skills and Integrated Clinical Skills development. The program finishes with a second 4 week clinical internship. Throughout the Program students are involved in a comprehensive mentorship program. Upon completion of the Program students are supported through to employment.

Internationally educated physical therapists (IEPT) who have their physical therapy education assessed by the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (The Alliance) are eligible to apply to the Comprehensive Program if:

- The Educational Credential and Qualifications Assessment verifies they are eligible for Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) and the Bridging Program has curriculum to resolve the gap(s); or
- The Credential Assessment verifies that their education and qualifications are substantially equivalent to Canadian-educated physical therapists thus they are eligible to apply for Physiotherapy Competency Examination (PCE) but want to enhance their preparation by attending the Bridging Program; or
- Candidates who were not successful in one or more PCE attempts and want to attend the Bridging Program.

The curriculum uses a variety of learning strategies such as, case-based, experiential learning scenarios, simulations, class room based strategies and clinical internships.

### **Modular Bridging Program:**

The Modular Bridging Program is a new element and will be developed in 2012-2013. The focus of this stream will be on individualized learning to assist IEPTs with the re-mastery of clinical skills supported through self-directed learning modules, workshops focused on specific clinical practice areas such as cardio-respiratory and exam skills preparation. Courses will be offered throughout the year to address the needs of the applicants.

The Modular program is appropriate for applicants who:

- i. demonstrate entry-to-practice clinical skills in managing a primary care physiotherapy practice;

- ii. need minor focused academic and clinical updating to adapt to the culture and context of Canadian physical therapy practice;
- iii. want to develop skills for managing written multiple choice and practical (OSCE) exams.

### **Exams Skills Preparation Workshops:**

The OIEPB Program offers exam skill development workshops for managing competency-based multiple choice and OSCE examinations for IEPTs who are preparing for the physiotherapy qualifying exams.

### **Faculty:**

We are proud to say that our first cohort of students started on May 1, 2012. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have questions or are interested in becoming involved.

**Program Director:** Sharon Switzer-McIntyre [s.switzer.mcintyre@utoronto.ca](mailto:s.switzer.mcintyre@utoronto.ca)  
**On-Line Program Director:** Cathy Evans [cathy.evans@utoronto.ca](mailto:cathy.evans@utoronto.ca)  
**Program Coordinator:** Alison Bonnyman [iept.manager@utoronto.ca](mailto:iept.manager@utoronto.ca)  
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**Program Administrator:** Nicole Percival [iept@utoronto.ca](mailto:iept@utoronto.ca)

As a Department we are excited about this new venture and interacting with our entire faculty in the education of this cohort. We are grateful to the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration for providing funding for this program.

***Ontario Internationally Educated Physiotherapist Bridging Program***  
***An Ontario Bridge Training Program for Internationally Trained Individuals***  
***Funded by:***



## DEPARTMENT NEWS

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### ***NEW MEMBERS OF THE ONTARIO INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED PHYSIOTHERAPIST BRIDGING PROGRAM (OIEBP)***

#### **ALISON BONNYMAN - PROGRAM COORDINATOR OIEBP**

Alison is a graduate of U of T BScPT and McMaster University MSc in Rehabilitation Science. She has worked extensively in clinical, hospital, and educational settings, most recently in the community consulting on adaptive aquatic programming and aquatic physical therapy. Her thesis was exploring the effects of aquatic exercise on bone geometry in women with osteoporosis and vertebral fractures. Alison lectures on Aquatic Therapy for the U of T MScPT program and has previously tutored and assisted teaching in the McMaster and U of T MScPT programs.



**MARTINE QUESNEL – CLINICAL EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP COORDINATOR OIEBP**



Martine graduated from the BScPT program at the University of Ottawa in 1998. She presents with a broad spectrum of clinical experience in various practice settings, both urban and remote. She most recently worked as a Physiotherapist at the Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Centre and Toronto Rehabilitation Institute in Neurology. She has been actively involved teaching students over the past 14 years and lecturing at the University of Ottawa. She completed the MScPT Advanced Standing program at U of T in 2010 with a research focus on peer mentorship. She joins the OIEBP program team as the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education and Mentorship.

**NICOLE PERCIVAL – PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR OIEBP**

Nicole has worked with the Internationally Educated Physiotherapists Bridging program since 2010 when it was in its pilot phase at Ryerson University. She has been with the Department of Physical since January, and has been invaluable through the transition of the program to the University of Toronto. She is currently finishing her undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies.



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**NEW LECTURERS FOR CARDIORESPIRATORY UNIT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**LISA WICKERSON – LECTURER UNIT 2**



Lisa has been a physiotherapist at the University Health Network since 1993, primarily working in the Lung Transplant Program. She is currently completing a MSc of Rehabilitation Sciences and holds a status appointment with the Department of Physical Therapy. She has been engaged in teaching for the Department as a Teaching Assistant, also facilitating group projects and acting as clinical advisor.

**MIREILLE LANDRY – LECTURER UNIT 2**

Mireille is a Physiotherapist at Women's College Hospital with the Cardiac Rehabilitation and Prevention Program. She holds a MSc from the Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Sciences and has held a status only appointment with the Department of Physical Therapy since 2002. She has been involved in facilitating clinical sessions, small groups and clinical internships in the department across different units since that time.



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**8000 KM FOR EASTER SEALS**



This summer, Joey Carson (Research Assistant, Dept. of Physical Therapy), Max Tabord-Meehan and Ira Carson are biking self-supported across Canada to benefit an accessible sailing program at Easter Seals Camp Merrywood in Perth, ON. They aim to raise \$1/km to provide Easter Seals with adaptive sailing and water-safety equipment for kids with physical disabilities. Easter Seals draws 350 kids from communities across Ontario to experience summer camp in a fully-accessible environment. As sailing instructors, Joey, Max and Ira have seen the value of access-sailing to help kids with physical disabilities develop a greater sense of independence. You can follow their ride and show your support at [www.8000km.ca](http://www.8000km.ca).



## PT STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN FLASH MOB

In celebration of Physiotherapy Month, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre was surprised by physiotherapists and UofT students, who participated in flash mob performances wearing matching blue shirts. They appeared in the most unexpected places four times during one week.

**Following is the link to their performance:** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvNg\\_LNY2t4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvNg_LNY2t4)

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO NANCY SALBACH!

**Nancy Salbach** is one of 21 U of T professors whose work has been honored with funding from the Early Research Award program (ERA) through the Ontario Government, for her project 'Bringing research findings into action to improve walking recovery after stroke'. The ERA helps promising, recently-appointed Ontario researchers build their research teams of undergraduates, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research assistants, associates, and technicians. The goal of the program is to improve Ontario's ability to attract and retain the best and brightest research talent. Nancy, along with the other winners, attended an event on April 30<sup>th</sup> with the Minister of Economic Development and Innovation, Brad Duguid, to celebrate those who were successful in the ERA competition.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO BARBARA GIBSON!

**Barbara Gibson** has been awarded the 2012 Faculty of Medicine Graduate Teaching Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching (Earl Career). This honor was awarded due to Barbara's outstanding dedication to students, the student experience and .graduate education. She received her award at the Annual Educational Achievement Celebration on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHY EVANS!

**Cathy Evans** received the Fred Fallis Award in Online Learning at the Faculty of Medicine Annual Educational Achievement Awards Celebration on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Cathy won this award for her strong commitment to facilitating learning through multiple methods for students and developing programs for continuing education and professional development of practicing clinicians.

### CONGRATULATIONS DINA BROOKS AND SUNITA MATHUR!

**Dina Brooks and Sunita Mathur** were successful in their application for an award through the Joint Call for Research Proposals by the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), UofT, and the University of Western Ontario (UWO). Driven by an exciting new Cooperation Agreement between the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), the University of Toronto, and the UWO, this first call for proposals provides funding over 2 years for mutual research collaboration between Drs. Dina Brooks and Sunita Mathur at the University of Toronto and Drs. Celso Carvalho and Milton Martins University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil on a project entitled "Assessment in individuals with lung disease: from structure to function".

### CONGRATULATIONS TO KAREN YOSHIDA!

**Karen Yoshida** received a grant as a co-applicant with S. Carpenter for 'Our Histories- Building leadership and engagement in the Disability Community: Lessons learnt from Toronto's Disability Leaders' from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, March 1, 2012- Feb 28, 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES CAMPBELL!

**James Campbell** is a second year student in the MScPT program who was selected as a recipient for a 2012 Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award for his outstanding extracurricular contributions to the University. The University of Toronto Alumni Association recognizes students who go the distance to improve the University of Toronto, their local communities and the world. James received his award at the Awards Presentation Ceremony on March 27, 2012.

*LtoR: James Campbell and Gordon Cressy*



CONGRATULATIONS TO 2011 PT GRADUATES:

**CAITLIN MCARTHUR, SURABHI VENKATESH, DANIELLE WARREN, DANIEL PRINGLE, AND TANYA DOERR AND THEIR ADVISORS - NANCY SALBACH, GAIL KIRKWOOD, VIRGINIA WRIGHT.**

Their project "Refining the response scale of the Acquired Brain Injury Challenge Assessment (ABI-CA) to enhance its ability to measure change in children and youth with an ABI" was the winner in the 2012 Ann Collins Whitmore Student Competition for the top Canadian MScPT program student research paper.



*LtoR: Surabhi Venkatesh and Caitlin McArthur*

## Congratulations!

### THE 2011 DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Department of Physical Therapy hosted their annual Exceptional Achievement and Recognition Awards Ceremony on January 19th, 2012.

These awards provide an opportunity to acknowledge those who have made outstanding contributions to the Department of Physical Therapy curriculum. We were pleased to recognize over 130 individuals and teams for their outstanding contributions to the Physical Therapy curriculum. Congratulations to all the award recipients!

The Exceptional Achievement Awards recognize individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the profession of Physical Therapy in one of four major areas; Practitioner, Education, Research and Professional Development.

**The 2011 recipients were:**  
**Agnes Makowski – Practitioner**  
**Kelly O'Brien – Research**  
**Robyn Davies – Education**



*LtoR: Robyn Davies, Kelly O'Brien, Agnes Makowski*

**2011 DEPARTMENT OF PT RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS**

The Recognition Awards acknowledges individuals or sites who have provided an extraordinary learning experience for physical therapy students within the academic or clinical environment. The 2011 recipients are:

**Faculty and Staff  
(Inter-departmental)**

Shane Brandon  
Dina Brooks  
Cindy Ellerton  
Judi Hunter  
Kim Moody  
Stephanie Nixon  
Daniela Pirraglia  
Meredith Smith

**Teaching Assistants**

Rob Balogh  
Ros Crooks

**Lecturers/Lab Demonstrators**

Alison Anthony  
Diem Baldry  
Anne Cho  
Anna Chu  
Jennifer Clifford  
Cynthia Danells  
Sylvia Daniel  
Jennifer Dermott  
Sarah Eby  
Naomi Eisenberg  
RJ Elliott  
Doug Freer  
Amy Fullerton  
Wendi Gallagher  
Stephen Hall  
Alishah Jamal  
Marcia James  
Vincent Lo  
Anna Michalski  
Jennifer Neirinckx  
Veronica Palinkas  
Elly Rocha  
David Salonen  
Heather West  
Kristi Whitney-Mahoney  
Josh Williams  
Kathryn Zbarsky

**Small Group Facilitators**

Adrienne Agnello  
Tricia Beath  
Cynthia Benchetrit  
Natasha Bhesania  
Shawn Brady  
Carole Chebaro  
Kary Cheong  
Debbie Childerhose  
Rose Cimolai  
Nicole Cooper  
Danielle Cousineau  
Lindsay Davey  
Stephanie DosSantos  
Marcia Dunn  
Naomi Eisenberg  
Chandra Farrer  
Ana Ferreira

**Small Group Facilitators (continued)**

Julia Filinski  
Renee Haldenby  
Megan Henzies  
Marlene Holder  
Anne Hu  
Shauna Hurnanen  
Nadia Iannetta  
Derry Igoe  
Raymond Kao  
Chun Kim  
Meaghan Kinlin  
Jennifer Kochanowski  
Sabine Koszegi  
Heather Kwok  
Christine Leger  
Ryan Leung  
Vanessa Leung  
Lenerdene Levesque  
Laura Maybury  
Lianne McCabe  
Anna Michalski  
Alisha Morgan  
Karen Ng  
Irene Nicolakis  
Sejal Patel-Modi  
Jenn Patterson  
Martin Payne  
Kaili Phillips  
Lisa Pinsonneault  
Kristine Plourde  
Vivien Poon  
Zia Poonjiaji  
Kinny Quan  
Fatma Rajwani  
Sylvie Robinson  
Charlyn Roncesvalles  
Andrea Ruby  
Tina Sahota  
Andrea Shattner  
Justin Soegandi  
Jennifer Uyeno  
Stephanie Vanneste  
Darryl Yardley  
Katrina Young

**Best Practice Advisors**

Tanya Aggett  
Angie Andreoli  
Karen Brunton  
Cynthia Danells  
Daniel Galessiere  
Rebecca Gruber  
Stephen Hall  
Debbie Hébert  
Liz Inness  
Jessica Jardine  
Avril Mansfield  
Carolyn McCullough

**Best Practice Advisors  
(continued)**

Edith Ng  
Tracy Paulenko  
Sylvia Quant

**Best Practice Advisors (continued)**

Farrah Schwartz  
Anne Scofich

**Group Project Facilitator**

Pat Glover  
Lawrence Jackson  
Katey Knott  
Mika Nonoyama  
Lisa Wickerson

**Clinical Instructors**

Adrienne Agnello  
Katie Chircop  
Rose Cimolai  
Brandi D'Souza  
Keith Fernandes  
Sherry Harburn  
Denise Helm  
Hussein Karim  
Katey Knott  
Mireille Landry  
Vincent Lo  
Zenia Martynkiw  
Anna Michalski  
Jennifer Neirinckx  
Joanna Parkes  
Cathy Relf  
Joanna Schechter

**Centre Coordinators of Clinical  
Education (CCCE's)**

Bev Bulmer  
Elizabeth Hanna  
Denise Helm

**Teams/Sites**

*Amputee Week Team (Unit 8):*  
Janet Body, Shirlene Campbell, Pamela Madan-Sharma, Dellene Sakaguchi

*Burn Week Team:*  
Benji Choo, Vera Fung, Karen Klar, Shannon Krug, Jamil Lati

*Continuing Education Professional Development Committee:*  
Rosemary Anderson, Barbara Beer, Ros Crooks, Denise Lai, Amanda Patterson, Audra Sher, David Stoyanoff

*Neuro Team at Providence Healthcare*

*Physiotherapy Team at Toronto General Hospital*



## PUBLICATIONS

**O'Brien KK**, Wilkins A, Zack E, Solomon P. Developing clinical practice guidelines in HIV rehabilitation: process recommendations and guiding principles. *AIDS Education and Prevention* October 2011; 23(5),457-468.

## COURSES/PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS

## REHAB ROUNDS – UPCOMING DATES: JUNE 2012

Date	Speaker	Location
June 7 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 1:00	<b>Alison Novak</b> Post doctoral Fellow, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute	140
June 12 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:00	<b>Therese Johnston</b> Assistant Professor, University of the Sciences, Philadelphia, PA	132
June 14 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 12:00	<b>Susan Muir</b> Post-Doctoral Fellow, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Division of Geriatric Medicine, University of Western Ontario	140

## CENTRE FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SPRING WORKSHOPS

The Centre for Faculty Development is pleased to announce the schedule for their Spring/Summer workshop series.

To view upcoming workshop and to register, please go to:

<http://www.cfd.med.utoronto.ca/programs/upcoming-workshops.html>

**For more information**, contact Jackie McCaffrey, Project Coordinator at:  
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*NON-UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO COURSES/EVENTS: The following courses/events are from outside the University of Toronto, and are not being promoted by the Department of Physical Therapy.*

**A CALL TO ARMS: CONSIDERATIONS FOR UPPER LIMB RECOVERY: DEXTERITY, POSTURAL CONTROL AND GAIT: The Bobath concept (Advanced Bobath certified course)**

**Course Dates:** June 18-22, 2012  
**Location:** West Park Healthcare Centre, Toronto, ON  
**Course Instructors:** Julie Vaughan-Graham PT, MSc Advanced IBITA Instructor  
 Susan Ryerson PT, ScD, Senior IBITA Instructor

**Course Description:**

This is an advanced level course providing an opportunity to explore the multiple roles of the upper limb with respect to recovery following an UMN lesion, and to facilitate individual development of one's clinical reasoning process with respect to the Bobath concept. The course will provide an opportunity to explore the link between theoretical and practical knowledge, facilitating clinical reasoning skills with respect to the role of the arm in posture and balance, as well as dexterous control.

**Contact:** info@cbiaorg.com or visit [www.bobathcanada.com](http://www.bobathcanada.com) for further details and registration

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5TH NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY CONFERENCE:  
TRANSLATING NEURAL ENGINEERING AND NOVEL THERAPIES

**Date: October 18-20, 2012**

**Location:** Hilton Toronto, 145 Richmond Street West (Oct 18<sup>th</sup> preconference at Toronto Rehab's Lyndhurst Centre)

**For More Information:**

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Web: [www.sciconference.ca](http://www.sciconference.ca)

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THE 20<sup>TH</sup> IAGG WORLD CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS  
DIGITAL AGEING: A NEW ORIZON FOR HEALTH CARE AND ACTIVE AGEING

**Date: June 23 – 27, 2013**

**Location:** Coew, Seoul, Korea

**Abstracts Submission:** Deadline October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012

<http://www.iagg2013.org/Eng/index.php>

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**OTHER NEWS**

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NEW EVIDENCE-INFORMED E-MODULE FOR HIV REHABILITATION:  
EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FOR PTS

***Receive Email Updates on Evidence-Informed Approaches to HIV Rehabilitation***

The Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR) has developed an evidence-informed electronic interprofessional module on HIV rehabilitation (e-module) to enhance the knowledge and capacity of rehabilitation professionals to better serve the health-related needs of people living with HIV. This e-module is freely available for download at <http://www.hivandrehab.ca/EN/module.php>. Researchers affiliated with CWGHR are conducting a study to evaluate an approach to educating physiotherapists, occupational therapists, and speech-language pathologists about the e-module and learn how the e-module can be adapted for use by people living with HIV and AIDS. Study participants will receive six educational emails with

case scenarios, questions and answers, and links to the e-module. A certificate of completion will be provided. Please click on the download page <http://www.hivandrehab.ca/EN/module.php> for more information about the study.

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## THE MANAGEMENT OF PAIN IS CRITICAL FOR GOOD HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE

I would like to invite you all to visit the Canadian Pain Summit website to provide your official endorsement of the Call for a Canadian Pain Strategy. It will only take 3 minutes and will be extremely helpful if all members endorse the initiative as well as forwarding to your networks to consider visiting the website to do the same. It is only through raising our voices collectively that we will accomplish better pain management in Canada.

Best regards,  
*Catherine Bushnell, President, Canadian Pain Society*

Please take a moment to endorse the National Pain Strategy, urging Parliament to adopt a strategy that will give all Canadians access to desperately needed pain management services. To build a successful strategy, it's critical that people with pain, their supporters and health professionals are part of the solution.

For more information about the National Pain Strategy: [www.canadianpainsummit2012.ca](http://www.canadianpainsummit2012.ca)

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## TOWARDS CONSENSUS OF FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE-BASED MEASURES FOR OSTEOARTHRITIS: YOUR OPINION MATTERS

*Please distribute below opportunity to your academic and clinical communities*

### **Who can participate?**

Anyone whose research or clinical practice involve people with hip or knee osteoarthritis.

### **What is the purpose of the study?**

This Osteoarthritis Research Society International (OARSI) initiative aims to identify and recommend a core set of the most feasible performance-based tests of physical function for people with hip and knee osteoarthritis.

### **What will you have to do?**

1. Complete an online decision survey (approximately 20 minutes): you will be asked to make a series of choices between two performance-based measures of physical function that you think are more feasible to conduct in the research or clinical setting.
2. Complete a short demographic survey (less than 5 minutes). All data will not be individually identified and you can remain anonymous if you choose.

### **About the researchers:**

This project is led by Professor Kim Bennell, Associate Professor Rana Hinman and Dr Fiona Dobson from the Centre of Health, Exercise and Sports Medicine at the University of Melbourne and Professor Ewa Roos from the University of Southern Denmark. It is informed by an international Working Party including: Aileen Davis, Paul Stratford, Haxby Abbott, Rachelle Buchbinder, Lynn Snyder-Mackler, Yves Henrotin and Julian Thumboo.

**Sign Up:**

For more information and/or to self-enrol in this survey, please click here:  
Online survey: Performance-based measures of physical function in OA

Please feel free to forward this invitation to anyone that you think may be suitable.

***This survey will be open online until July 31, 2012***

**Any queries can be emailed to:** Fiona Dobson, Centre for Health, Exercise and Sports  
Medicine Physiotherapy, The University of Melbourne  
[fdobson@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:fdobson@unimelb.edu.au)

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**REHAB SCIENCES SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT!**

Event space is available to rent in the Rehabilitation Sciences Building at 500 University Ave. The Rehabilitation Sciences Building is located just north of Dundas St, close to University Health Network, Hospital for Sick Children, Mount Sinai Hospital and the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. We are also close to the Ryerson University Business School at Bay and Dundas, and the Ontario College of Art and Design on McCaul St.

We have two step-style classrooms with desks that seat up to 90 persons and a number of flat classrooms that seat from 40 up to 90. In addition, there are a number of small 'break out' rooms available that can be used for groups of 12. We also have a computer lab with 44 desktop computers that can be used for testing or training. PT also has two clinical labs which provide great opportunities for practicing and teaching clinical skills. The building has a small café on the ground floor. You can view pictures of our facilities on the Rehab Sector web site, [www.rehab.utoronto.ca](http://www.rehab.utoronto.ca).

**For availability and rates, please contact Rehab Sciences at: 416-946-8554**  
**Email:** [rehabsector.reception@utoronto.ca](mailto:rehabsector.reception@utoronto.ca).

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