It has been a busy start to 2011 for all of us, and momentum continues to build as we begin to shape the outcome of our Strategic Planning efforts into concrete actions to carry us forward.

Below is the Executive Summary of our Strategic Planning Process Report. To view our Strategic Plan, as well as the Report, please click on the links on our home page (scroll down under ‘Welcome’) http://www.physicaltherapy.utoronto.ca/site3.aspx. If anyone is interested in participating in our Strategic Planning process as it rolls out, we would be pleased to hear from you!

Department of Physical Therapy Strategic Plan – Executive Summary

In 2010, the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Toronto engaged in a robust engagement and planning process to set a direction for the future. After setting initial directions at an internal retreat in April, the faculty and staff of the department interviewed over 120 stakeholders from across the university, research centres, clinical settings, associations, regulatory bodies and patient groups to uncover insight into the direction to take the department into the future.

Eighty faculty, staff, clinicians and other stakeholders came together at a planning summit in October 2010 to reaffirm the vision and mission of the department and to set clear bold intentions for the coming five years. The group created a clear intention for the department to be a visionary assertive leader in the health system and rehabilitation sector, supporting the promotion of mobility and function through education and research.

The group also affirmed a desire over the next five years to:
1. Review the curriculum to ensure we meet the changing and future needs (10-15 years) of key populations using emerging research and technologies and preparing students to be advocates for patients and the profession
2. Clarify and enable the role of PTs in advocating for patients and the profession
3. Consolidate a translational research program that informs and drives PT practice, education and policy
4. Continue to foster a robust community that is aware of and integrated with resources, research opportunities, learning opportunities, and the expertise within our program

In the coming year, four innovation teams will be meeting to move each of the key agenda items forward and create clear plans to bring our vision to life.
The focus of one of our Innovation Teams is a review of our curriculum. We are undergoing a voluntary curriculum review to reflect on what we are doing and what changes might be appropriate to take advantage of technology, address the needs of learners and to meet the health care challenges of the future. We will be holding a curriculum renewal retreat in February over three days, and this will include looking at innovative teaching methods and models.

We also held our annual Department of Physical Therapy Recognition and Exceptional Achievement Awards ceremony at Hart House on January 20th. We had our largest attendance yet with over 170 attendees, and there was a great sense of community and energy throughout the event. For the list of award winners, please see our Awards and Honours section below.

**Mark your calendars!**
Following are some upcoming events of interest:

- **Rehab Rounds – February 24th, 2011: (12pm – 1pm) Professor Rich Simpson,** Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh – ‘Using Technology to Motivate Participation in Occupational, Physical and Speech/Language Therapies’ *(For full schedule, see events section below)*
- **May 11th, 2011:** Rehab Sector Research and Clinical Education Day

If you have any comments or feedback, please let us know at pt.chair@utoronto.ca.

Katherine Berg
Chair, Department of Physical Therapy

**PT PROFILES**

**SARA MCEWEN – PROFILE OF A RESEARCHER**

Dr. Sara McEwen is a physiotherapist and a scientist. She obtained a BSc(PT) from McGill University (1990), a Masters in Rehabilitation Science from McGill (1996) and a PhD in Rehabilitation Science from the University of Toronto (2009). She has worked as a physiotherapist, educator, and researcher. Presently, she is a research scientist at St. John’s Rehab Hospital, and she holds appointments as Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Toronto, and as Research Associate, Cognitive Rehabilitation Research Group, Washington University, St. Louis.

Dr. McEwen’s overarching research interest is in improving long-term meaningful outcomes for people with chronic conditions through better understanding the links between cognition and motor skill acquisition/motor performance. For her doctoral research, she examined the utility of
the Cognitive Orientation to daily Occupational Performance (CO-OP) treatment approach, originally designed for use with a pediatric population, and for use with adults with chronic stroke.

A current project is expanding on this work and investigating the use of a cognitive-oriented treatment approach in the early stages following a stroke. This work is highly relevant to both people living with stroke and the rehabilitation clinicians who treat them, in that it contributes information about a treatment approach designed to address personally meaningful functional goals, as well as retention, generalization, and transfer of skills learned. The approach uses cognitive strategies to facilitate motor skill acquisition, and shows great promise to improve real-life functioning in people living with stroke. To date, five peer-reviewed manuscripts have resulted from this work, including the winner of the Henry Stonnington Award for best review paper, awarded by Brain Injury Journal and Informed Healthcare (McEwen SE, Huijbregts MPJ, Ryan JD, Polatajko HJ. Cognitive strategy use in motor skill acquisition post stroke: A critical review. Brain Injury 2009; 23(4): 263-277).

Dr. McEwen is also the lead investigator on the Action to Enhance Rehabilitation in Oncology (AERO) project. In the first phase of the AERO project, researchers are endeavoring to establish a profile of patients admitted to specialized in-patient oncology rehabilitation, and to explore the factors associated with key rehabilitation outcomes, such as functional status and discharge destination. Future phases will build on this preliminary work to develop and evaluate oncology rehabilitation programs that strive to improve long-term meaningful outcomes for people living with cancer or the effects of cancer treatment.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2011 FOR STATUS-ONLY AND ADJUNCT APPOINTMENT APPLICATIONS

The Department of Physical Therapy, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, and the Department of Speech-Language Pathology are currently accepting applications for Status-Only and Adjunct Appointments for the term beginning July 1, 2011.

If you are interested in applying, please visit our website at http://www.rehab.utoronto.ca/StatusOnly/ The deadline for submitting your application is February 28, 2011. Please note that late applications will NOT be considered.

Should you have any questions, please refer to the "2011 Status-Only and Adjunct Guidelines" provided on the website or contact Simone Olivero at the applicable email address listed below:

Physical Therapy, email: pt.statusappt@utoronto.ca
Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, email: ot.statusappt@utoronto.ca
Speech-Language Pathology, email: slp.statusappt@utoronto.ca

SUSAN JAGLAL APPOINTED TO MOH PANEL

Susan Jaglal has been appointed to the Rehab CCC Expert Panel of the Ministry of Health. The purpose of the panel is to re-think the delivery or rehabilitation and complex care across the continuum including community settings, hospitals, transitional and convalescent care settings and long-term care. Fundamental to this review is the establishment of a single, province-wide vision and conceptual framework to guide the development of new service delivery models for rehabilitation and CCC. The panel will make recommendations to the standing ER/ALC Expert Panel of the MOH. The project duration is 12 months.
THE LOSS OF TWO DEAR COLLEAGUES

ESTELLE CUNNINGHAM

We are sad to report that Estelle Cunningham (4T6) passed away January 1, 2011. Estelle founded Brant 730 Physiotherapy in Burlington, Ontario, one of the first and most successful private practices in Ontario. For many years, she served as Chairman of the Board of Drugless Practitioners, the governing body for physiotherapists in Ontario and the precursor of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario. She was honored by the Canadian Physiotherapy Association as a Life Member for her extensive work on many CPA and OPA committees.

Estelle will be remembered by her patients and her peers for her ready smile and witty comments. She will be missed by friends across Canada.

NANCY REID

It was with great sadness that we announce the passing of Nancy Reid on January 5, 2011 in her 75th year. Nancy was a physiotherapist who was known in the Toronto area as the Director of Rehabilitation Medicine at St John’s Rehabilitation Hospital for many years. Nancy was very involved in Continuing Education at the University of Toronto, Department of Physical Therapy and was the person responsible for administering Manual Therapy Courses in the 80’s and 90’s. She contributed a great deal to the professional development of physiotherapists through her work in continuing education and in the clinical placement of students. Nancy will be greatly missed by colleagues, friends and family.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS 2010

Congratulations to the following Exceptional Achievement Award Recipients, who are individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Physical Therapy profession in the following categories:

David Evans – Practitioner

Kelly Brewer - Professional Development

Anne Kuus – Education

Dr. Barbara Gibson – Research

In memorium, donations in Estelle’s or Nancy’s memory can be made to the Department of Physiotherapy, at the following link: https://donate.utoronto.ca/give/show/41

When you enter your information under ‘additional information’ please specify either: Estelle C. Cunningham Student Award; or Nancy Reid Student Award.

Cheques can also be sent to Julie Lafford, payable to the Department of Physiotherapy at:

Julie Lafford, Manager, Alumni Relations
Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
1 King’s College Circle Rm 2306H
Toronto ON M5S 1A8
Congratulations!

2010 DEPARTMENT OF PT RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Faculty and Staff
(Inter-departmental)
Cindy Ellerton
Jo-Anne Howe
Stephanie Nixon

Teaching Assistants
Lisa Wickerson
Marla Beauchamp
Miriam Granek
Priscila Robles
Rob Balogh
Rosaleen Crooks
Sara Guilcher
Tania Janaudis Ferreira

Lecturers/Lab Demonstrators
Agnes Makowski
Alana Tintse
Alishah Jamal
Chris Skederidis
Cynthia Danells
Dana Rowe
Danielle McCormack
Eri Miller
Glen Barnes
Jennifer Neirinckx
Josh Williams
Kristy Whitney-Mahoney
Krisztina Weinacht
Linda Ngan
Nancy Luong
Nancy Botting
Paulo Koebeler
Shawn Brady
Stephen Hall
Sylvia Daniel

Small Group Facilitators
Alan Le
Alisha Morgan
Anne Hu
Carole Chebaro
Cathy Zee
Charlyn Roncesvalles
Chaya Gottesman
Christine Leger
Chun Kim
Colleen Dunphy
Cynthia Benchetrit
Dimple Mistry
Elly Rocha
Fatma Rajwani
Glen Barnes
Heather Kwok
Heather Willis
Irene Nicolakis
Jean Brown
Jennifer Ryan
Jennifer Uyeno
Josh Williams
Julia Filinski
Kaili Phillips
Karen Ng
Kary Cheong
Kathy Mileksi
Kevin Humphrey
Krista Rose
Kristine Plourde
Marci Janecek
Menace Alappat
Menaka Thavathasan
Nadia Iannetta
Natasha Bhesania
Raymond Kao
Renée Haldenby
Rose Cimolai
Sabine Koszegi
Stephanie Sollazzo
Sylvie Robinson
Tamaara Baker
Tina Sahota
Tricia Beath
Vanessa Ellis
Vanessa Leung
Vivien Poon
Zia Poonjaji
Anne Scofich
Avril Mansfield
Carolyn McCullough
Cynthia Danells
Debbie Hébert
Karen Brunton
Karin Salzman
Liz Inness
Rebecca Gruber
Stephen Hall
Sylvia Quant
Tanya Aggett
Tracy Paulenko
Aileen Ho
Barbara (Basia) Gorczyca Abel
Betty Vukusic
Brendan Hickey
Bunmi Awoyemi
Catharine Duncan
Cheryl Foster
Chris Henderson
Daniela Soares
Dennis Ng
Erika Gamble
Fariba Taheri
Ingrid Otten
Jaimie Coleman
Jamal Lati
Jennifer Neirinckx
Joanna Parkes
Katey Knott
Keith Fernandes
Kippy Quan Velanoski
Marcia Dunn
Moissei Zinguer
Myrna Benderoff
Shane Ho
Sherry Harburn
Shirlene Campbell
Sylvia Chan
Teresa Yeung
Vanessa Ellis
Vicki Hawkins
Yusuf Bangee

Centre Coordinators of Clinical Education (CCCEs)
Bunmi Awoyemi
Denise Helm

Centre Coordinators of Clinical Education (cont’d)
Eileen Newbold
Myrna Benderoff
Robyn Davies
Ryan Leung

Teams/Sites
Amps Week Team (Unit 8):
Dellene Sakaguchi, Janet Body, Shirlene Campbell

Bridgepoint Health Neuro Team on 3E and 7W:
Alan Le, David Stoyanoff, Heather Kwok, Meagan Au, Roslyn Jang, Ryan Vergara, Shauna Hurnanen, Stephanie Lau

Cardiorespiratory Team at The Hospital for Sick Children:
Alison Hassall, Jamil Lati, Jennifer Agnew, Lauren Weinstock, Menaka Thavathasan, Monica Croznia-Kern, Robin Deliva, Sejal Patel-Modi, Stephanie Dos Santos, Stephanie Sollazzo, Tamara MacAuley, Vanessa Mucci

Cardiorespiratory Team at Toronto General Hospital:
Agnes Brunne, Anna Michalski, Anne Kuus, Bansh Shah, Chaya Gottesman, Denise Helm, Gary Beauchamp, Leana Marchand, Marcia Dunn, Megan Tran, Moissei Zinguer, Naomi Eisenberg, Nathalie Côté, Sherry Harburn, Vijay Lakshmi, Vincent Lo

Hand Therapy Week Team (Unit 8):
Catherine Sullivan, Marianne Williams, Mary Chang, Teresa Wesolowski

Kick Physiotherapy Team:
Carlo DiNardo, Sarah Colangelo

Parkinson’s SCS Group (Unit 5):
Anita Mendelson, Hedda Zahavi, Myrna Benderoff, Olivia Esipiratu, Tanya Aggett

Spinal Cord Injury Week Team (Unit 5):
Alexandra Ponikvar, Anne Hu, Chris Materny, Courtland Thompson, Fahreen Ladak, Farhana Jaffer, Heather Densmore, Heather Flett, Helen Morris, Jamie Young, Josh Williams, Kristi Plourde, Kristina Guy, Ksanya Povolotsky, Maria Gonzalez, Nathan Wong, Suzanne Iafilloa, Sylvia Cooper, Trish Stapleford

The Speakers Bureau at the Toronto People with AIDS Foundation:
Ed Argo, Ian Mahaffy, Kenneth Poon, Kyle Vose, Tara Jewell

St. Michael’s Hospital Physiotherapists:
Cardiorespiratory PT Team, Inner City Health PT Team, Inpatient Mobility PT Team, Specialized Complex Care PT Team, Outpatient Mobility PT Team, Trauma/Neurosurgery PT Team
CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLIAM MCILROY

Bill McIlroy was recently featured in Neurorehab & Neural Repair, as he has been recognized by the World Federation for NeuroRehabilitation and American Society of Neurorehabilitation for his outstanding contributions to neurorehabilitation research. (Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair 24(9) 781-782).

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHERINE BERG

Katherine Berg is the University of Toronto site PI for a new Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) grant entitled ‘Innovations in Data, Evidence and Applications for Persons with Neurological Conditions’ (ideas PNC). The $1,470,690 grant was awarded to a national team of researchers, led by John Hirdes (Waterloo), Colleen Maxwell and Nathalie Jette (U of Calgary) – UofT co-investigators include A. Colantonio (OS/OT), D. Doran (Nursing) and K. Berg (Site PI).

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Manager of Home and Continuing Care Development, CIHI
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March 29th
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Dr. Frank Kronenberg
Founder of Occupational Therapy without Borders
Rm 132
TBA

April 7th
12:00 – 1:00
Deirdre Dawson
PhD, OT Reg (ON)
Senior Scientist, Kunin-Lunenfeld Applied Research Unit, Baycrest
& Associate Professor, OS/OT, UofT
Rm 132
TBA

May 5th
12:00 – 1:00
Luc De Nil
Professor and Chair, Dept of Speech-Language Pathology
Rm 132
Stroke-based Neurogenic Stuttering

June 2nd
12:00 – 1:00
Sharon Staus
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, UofT; Director, Knowledge Translation Program, LiKaShing Knowledge Institute, St. Michael’s Hospital
Rm 132
TBA

REHABILITATION RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS
Schedule for Feb 2011 – Apr 2011
Time: Thursdays, 3:00 to 5:00 pm
Location: Rehab Science Building 500 University Avenue

Course Faculty Professors Dina Brooks and Katherine Berg
Tel.: (416) 978-0173 (Berg) and (416) 978-1739 (Brooks)
Email: katherine.berg@utoronto.ca or dina.brooks@utoronto.ca

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CENTRE FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WINTER WORKSHOPS

The Centre for Faculty Development is pleased to announce the schedule for their Winter 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: mccaffreyj@smh.toronto.on.ca (416) 864-6060 x6546

MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY: CHALLENGES AND CONTROVERSIES IN RESEARCH

Date:  Friday February 4, 2011
Location:  Park Hyatt, 4 Avenue Road, Toronto.

For more information:  Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Conferences Services
Phone 416-597-3422 x 3693  Email: conferences@torontorehab.on.ca

Website:  http://www.torontorehab.com/mild-brain-injury-registration

2011 INAUGURAL GERIATRICS SYMPOSIUM – REPORT CARD ON ELDER CARE: MAKING THE GRADE

Date:  Friday February 25, 2011
Location:  Sutton Place Hotel, 955 Bay Street, Toronto.

For more information:  Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Conferences Services
Phone 416-597-3422 x 3693  Email: conferences@torontorehab.on.ca

Website:  http://www.torontorehab.com/geriatrics-symposium-registration
KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER, EXCHANGE AND UTILIZATION WITHIN AND ACROSS INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAMS

The Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene Professional Practice Advisory Council is pleased to sponsor a one day educational event:

Date: March 1, 2011
Registration Deadline: February 23, 2011
Location: North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre, Midland, Ontario
Cost: $100.00 including lunch: Student Fee: $60.00

Speakers:

Jennifer Boyko, MHSc, PhD, Program Evaluator, Forensic Services
Bricks and Mortar: Knowledge Translation Concepts, Evidence & Examples for Interprofessional Teams

Sara Lankshear, President, Releve Consulting Services
Knowledge Transfer doesn’t just happen all by itself! Strategies for supporting those in Knowledge Transfer Roles

Dr. Howard Barbaree, Forensic Psychologist and Professor, Law and Mental Health, Dept of Psychiatry, University of Toronto
The Evidence Based Practices in Forensic Mental Health Project: Implementation of Evidence Based Practices in the Provincial Forensic Mental Health Programs

The Rev. Dr. Glenn A. Robitaille, CPC, RPC, MPCP, Director of Spiritual and Religious Care
Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) in a Forensic Psychiatric Setting

This promises to be a stimulating and informative session with a number of excellent presenters lined up. We are targeting: Inter professional team members, community partners, members of professional practice committees, clinical educators, health care educators, and students.

For more information:
Ms. Deborah Sibbald, Event Coordinator
dsibbald@mhcp.on.ca  705-549-3181 ext: 2783

NDT INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN THE TREATMENT OF ADULTS WITH HEMIPLEGIA

Date: Tuesday, March 1 – 5, 2011
Location: Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Lyndhurst Centre, 520 Sutherland Drive, Toronto

For more information: Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Conferences Services
Phone 416-597-3422 x 3693  Email: conferences@torontorehab.on.ca

CAREGIVING BEST PRACTICES DAY FOR PROFESSIONALS

Baycrest, Circle of Care and Family Caregiver Connections are pleased to present Caregiving Best Practices Day. The purpose of the day is to showcase innovative caregiving initiatives implemented by different organizations across the GTA and beyond. Speakers will share knowledge, experience and evidence based research, with a focus on innovation, best practices, diversity and technology.

Who should attend?
Researchers, clinicians, health professionals, fellows, residents and students in the areas of gerontology, home care, social services, and all other professionals working with family caregivers.

Date: Friday, March 4th, 2011
Time: 8:30am – 4:00pm
Cost: $60.00 / Students $30.00
Location: Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Avenue, Toronto
For more information: Brenda Quek 416-785-2500 x 2843 bquek@baycrest.org

GTA REHAB NETWORK

Date: March 7, 2011
Location: 89 Chestnut Street, Toronto
For more information: Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Conferences Services
Phone 416-597-3422 x 3693 Email: conferences@torontorehab.on.ca
Website: http://www.gtarehabnetwork.ca/bpday.asp

CLINICAL ORTHOPAEDIC UPDATE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The Bahen Rehabilitation Program is excited to offer this Clinical Orthopaedic Update for Health Professionals. Join our Orthopaedic Surgeons, Plastic Surgeons and Allied Health Team members in addressing current musculoskeletal practices and guidelines.

The day will be comprised of multiple podium presentations by members of our orthopaedic team and will cover current topics in the assessment and treatment of orthopaedic conditions.

Date: Saturday March 5, 2011
Time: 8:30 – 4:30pm (continental breakfast & Registration 7:45am)
Location: Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket

Fees: $150.00 (by Feb 19th) $175.00 (after Feb 19th)

Topics:
- Surgical management of bicep tears
- Clinical assessment and management of common knee injuries
- The shoulder complex – when do shoulders really need surgery
- Metastatic bone disease: approach and surgical options
- New trends in the treatment of Dupuytren’s contractures

This learning opportunity is open to Family Physicians, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and Rehab Assistants.

Contact: mvanbemmel@southlakeregional.org 905-895-4521 ext. 2401
Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket

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IMPROVING YOUR CLINICAL PRACTICE: A WORKSHOP ON APPLYING EVIDENCE AND CLINICAL REASONING TO YOUR PRACTICE

Date: March 26 & 27, 2011

Instructors: Lenerdene Levesque FCAMT, Erik Thoomes

Location: East Toronto Orthopaedic and Sports Injury Clinic

Fee: $550.00 incl HST

Course description: Through the use of case studies and facilitated group exercises, participants will be encouraged to think critically and to integrate current evidence into their clinical practice. This practical workshop will assist clinicians in utilizing relevant and evidence-based tools to enhance their practice.

For more information: contact lelevesque@sympatico.ca or david@mytorontophysio.com, or visit http://www.easttorontophysiotherapy.com/courses.html

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CLINICAL SCHOLARSHIP: PROMOTING EVIDENCE-INFORMED INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN CCC

Date: Friday April 8, 2011

Location: Sutton Place Hotel, 955 Bay Street, Toronto.

For more information: Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Conferences Services
Phone 416-597-3422 x 3693  Email: conferences@torontorehab.on.ca

Website: http://www.torontorehab.com/Events/Corporate-Events/CCC.aspx
IMPAIRED WOUND HEALING:
THE ROLE OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST IN WOUND MANAGEMENT

Dates: Friday April 8th and Saturday April 9th, 2011
Location: University of Toronto, Dept. of Physical Therapy, 500 University Ave

This 2 day course will focus on pressure ulcers and lower extremity ischemic and venous-type ulcers. It will provide participants with the knowledge and skills needed for the management of people with chronic wounds. The course will include case studies, labs and lectures and will review evidence-based literature to identify the most appropriate treatment of wounds. Faculty will include physical therapists, a clinical nurse specialist and a dietitian. The approach will emphasize the need to address the whole patient including risk factors, prevention techniques, nutrition, wound assessment (staging and measurement) and principles of local wound care. The use of ultrasound, electrical stimulation, laser and UVC techniques will be practiced in a lab environment using realistic tissue models of different types of wounds.

Target Audience: Physical therapists. Occupational therapists and physical therapist assistants involved in wound care are welcome to attend.

Learning Objectives
Participants will be able to:
1. Identify the risk factors for wound development and for delayed wound healing
2. Take appropriate steps to reduce the risk for individual patients
3. Describe the cellular processes involved in tissue repair and identify factors contributing to delayed healing in different patient conditions
4. Appreciate the need for an interdisciplinary approach to manage chronic wounds.
5. Use different types of dressings to manage open wounds
6. Describe nutritional factors affecting wound healing
7. Assess and measure wounds (NPUAP staging, wound appearance, wound size)
8. Use therapeutic modalities effectively and safely to accelerate wound healing.
9. Critically appraise the research on therapeutic modalities commonly used by physical therapists in wound care.

Instructors:
Ethne Nussbaum, PhD., M.Ed., BSc.PT is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and is recognized internationally with numerous awards for excellence in teaching, for her research and writing (Silver Quill Award, 2008) and from Mount Sinai Hospital for staff distinction. Her practice and research focuses on wound management and effectiveness of electrophysical agents (EPAs).

Pamela Houghton, PhD., HBSc., BScPT is an Associate Professor in the School of Physical Therapy and Chair of the Graduate Program in Health & Rehabilitation Sciences in the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Western Ontario. She leads an active research program that focuses on wound assessment tools and the effectiveness of EPAs to speed wound closure.

Kathryn Kozell, RN, MScN, APN, CETN(C) Clinical Nurse Specialist/Manager, Rachel M. Flood Program of Education for Ostomy and Wound Care, Mount Sinai Hospital Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Health Complex.

Christine H. Fraser, RD., HBSc. is a dietician at St Joseph’s health Care, London Ontario and is a faculty member within the Masters of Clinical Science Degree in the wound healing field at University of Western Ontario.

Fee: $300 (before March 15th) $325 (after March 15th)

Enrolment is limited. We are not able to provide refunds unless the course is cancelled.
1st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FACULTY DEVELOPMENT IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

With the increasing complexity of academic health science centers, it is very important that health science schools address the professional development needs of their faculty members. Currently, there is no academic conference that specifically addresses the faculty development field for academic health science centers world-wide. We are hoping to fill this void with the 1st International Conference on Faculty Development in the Health Professions.

Date and Location: May 10-13, 2011 - Toronto

Who Should Attend? Individuals working or with an interest in:
- Faculty development; Faculty affairs; Teacher training; Career development; Conducting research and scholarship in faculty development

Goals
- Bring together international faculty development leaders / educators in the academic health sciences
- Share best practices and current research in faculty development
- Foster a global community of leaders in the field

Themes
- Faculty development programs and innovations
- Research and scholarly activity in faculty development

Faculty Development Definition
For purposes of this conference, faculty development is defined as the broad range of activities that institutions use to renew or assist faculty members in their multiple roles. Faculty development activities include programs to enhance teaching and education, research and scholarly activity, academic leadership and management, and faculty affairs, including faculty recruitment, advancement, retention, and vitality. The intent of these activities is to assist faculty members in their roles as teachers, educators, leaders, administrators and researchers.

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POST-STROKE LOCOMOTOR TRAINING – ICDR 2011 LECTURE DAY

Presented by the Philippine Working Group of the International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation at UofT (ICDR)

Date: May 14, 2011 (Saturday) 9am – 12noon
Keynote Lecturer: Dr. Susan O’Sullivan  
Author of the book “Physical Assessment and Rehabilitation”

Location: Earth Sciences Auditorium (University of Toronto), 5 Bancroft Avenue, Toronto

Registration: Early Registration: $60.00 for professionals and non-students  
$40.00 for students  
After March 31st: $80.00 for professionals and non-students  
$50.00 for students

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Objectives:
- Recognize and teach the importance of professional role understanding as an essential component for collaborative practice
- Experience and teach ways of effective team communication and the role of reflection in healthcare teams
- Practice skills in facilitating interprofessional teams particularly within an educational context
- Acknowledge professional attitudes and cultural values and recognizes their impact in the educational context
- Understand and develop a program to teach how collaborative practice is used to enhance patient-centered care
- Learn ways of evaluating the role of collaborators in educational contexts; and
- Define the current challenges facing educational leaders in moving IPE experiences forward at an institutional level and analyze these using an organizational framework.

Date: June 20-24, 2011

Location: The University of Toronto Conference Centre, Toronto, Ontario

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PAIN MANAGEMENT: BRIDGING THE GAP FROM ACUTE CARE TO REHABILITATION AND INTO THE COMMUNITY

**Date:** Friday November 18, 2011
**Location:** TBD

**For more information:**  Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Conferences Services  
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