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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



It has been a busy start to the year! Along with the many priorities being moved ahead, the department has been busy launching a new generation. Brenda Mori, Euson Yeung, Katie Sibley, Lianne Chan, and Mike Landry have all welcomed new baby girls into their lives over the past three months!

I'm pleased to introduce Meredith Smith, our new Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education, who will be covering for Brenda Mori during her maternity leave. Meredith will be joining us for the period of March 7th, 2011 through February 29th, 2012.

I would also like to announce that Mike Landry will be leaving the Department effective July 15th, to take on the role of Chief of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Division at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Mike has been with the Department for 11 years, first as Lecturer and then as Assistant Professor. Since 2007 he has held a Ministry of Health Career Scientist Award. Of special note, he was the lead for a team of physical therapists who spent time in Haiti to assist with relief efforts after the earthquake. We wish Mike great success in his new role.

A tenure stream position for Assistant Professor has been posted at the following link, and the full listing is also below under 'Careers'.

<https://utoronto.taleo.net/careersection/10050/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=1100247>

The Department held two curriculum renewal retreats last month. On February 7th, Dr. Ivan Silver, Vice Dean of Continuing Education and Professional Development, was the facilitator. The goal of the retreat was to initiate a process of curriculum renewal consistent with the strategic plan and the departmental vision for leadership in physical therapy education. A panel of health care leaders also participated, facilitating groups to assist in gathering knowledge. It was a very positive day, and an important initiation to our curriculum renewal process.

The second day, February 14th, was also an excellent day, and focused on exploring meaningful and innovative teaching methods and models. The retreat was led by Carol Rolheiser, Director, Centre for Teaching Support and Innovation, and included a panel discussion on teaching methods of Helen Batty, Helene Polatajko, Judith Hunter and Heather Carnahan.

We will keep you updated over the next several months on the progress of all of our Innovations Teams.

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

- **Rehab Rounds – March 29th, 2011:** (12pm – 1pm) **Dr. Frank Kronenberg**, 'Occupational Therapies Without Borders: Towards an ecology of occupation-based practices
- **Rehab Rounds – April 7th, 2011:** (12pm – 1pm) **Dierdre Dawson**, Senior Scientist, Kunin-Lunenfeld Applied Research Unit, Baycrest & Associate Professor, OS/OT, UofT
- **Professor's Celebration: Honoring Excellence – May 3rd, 2011:** (4pm – 6pm)
- **Rehab Sector Research Day and Clinical Education Day – May 11th, 2011**

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

JANET PARSONS – PROFILE OF A RESEARCHER

Dr. Janet Parsons is a physiotherapist and qualitative research methodologist. She is a graduate of the Physical Therapy program at the University of Toronto (BScPT), and holds both MSc and PhD degrees in Medical Science also from University of Toronto. Prior to her studies in physical therapy she earned a BA in Sociology & Anthropology from Carleton University. She undertook a post-doctoral fellowship at the Centre for Research on Inner City Health at St. Michael's Hospital where she focused on the health of marginalized populations and methodological development. She is currently a Staff Research Scientist at the Applied Health Research Centre, Keenan Research Centre, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital and Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, University of Toronto. She practiced clinically in Toronto academic teaching hospitals for 18 years, working primarily in the areas of critical care and surgical oncology.

Dr. Parsons' primary research interests include the design and implementation of qualitative research and evaluation techniques, in particular those using arts-based methods. She has extensive experience conducting research in a range of topic areas including cancer, return to work, health equity and marginalization, neighborhood influences on health, health services research, rehabilitation, and drug policy.

A specific focus is the application and development of narrative and film-based qualitative research methods. Dr. Parsons has recently developed a new film-based qualitative method called *Brokered Dialogue*, with her colleague Dr. James Lavery. Drawing on techniques from narrative analysis and visual anthropology, it is used to study controversial social and healthcare issues and to bridge communication gaps between stakeholders. The method has been employed to research controversial public drug funding decisions at the national level, and Dr. Parsons is currently leading a study of the Ontario Citizens' Council on Drug Funding Reform using this method (for the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care). She has designed and implemented a qualitative

evaluation framework for film-based and multi-media-based research, and she is also a founding member of a national collaborative on arts-based qualitative health research.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

NEW ACADEMIC COORDINATOR OF CLINICAL EDUCATION

The Department is pleased to welcome Meredith Smith, who will be covering for Brenda Mori during her maternity leave, from March 7th, 2011 through February 29th, 2012 as Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education, and Lecturer for Unit 5. Meredith graduated with a Masters in PT from UofT in 2003. She has been working as a Physiotherapist with Bridgepoint Health since then, and has also worked at Toronto Western Hospital. She has taught numerous students over the past eight years.



CAP READING DAY ON THURSDAY MAY 5

The PT Department is looking for volunteers to help with **CAP Reading Day**. The Computer Administered Profile (CAP) is part of the admission process to the MScPT at U of T. Approximately 340 top applicants will be invited to write the CAP, a two hour exam which represents the non-academic portion of our admission process. The CAP is designed to assess personal characteristics/attributes, life experiences, knowledge of the profession and critical thinking/problem solving skills. The scores of this CAP are combined with applicants' GPA to determine who will be offered admission to the program. The input of the clinician is very important to the department, and therefore we need help from the community to score these exams. Marking guidelines will be provided to all readers.

The CAP evaluations are read here at the Department of Physical Therapy, 500 University Avenue, and this year we have set our Reading Day for **Thursday May 5, 2011**. The following sessions are available:

- Morning (9:00AM)
- Afternoon (1:00PM)
- Evening (5:00PM or 7:00PM)

Refreshments are served at each session. Please sign up by visiting our online registration page at <http://app1.rehab.utoronto.ca/PTCAP/readingday/>. If you have questions, please email Daniela Pirraglia, the coordinator of CAP Reading Day, at ptstudent.services@utoronto.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO DINA BROOKS!

Dr. Dina Brooks is the recipient of the 2011 Alumni Achievement Award for Physical Therapy, awarded by the University of Toronto Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Alumni Association. This honour was awarded due to Dina's 'superlative and sustained contribution to the Physical Therapy profession', and will be presented to her at the Spring Reunion on May 28th.

PUBLICATIONS

Mendelson A. D., **McCullough C.**, **Chan A.** *Integrating self-management and exercise for people living with arthritis.* Health Education Research 2011; 26:167-177, January 31, 2011 (10.1093/her/cyq077). Originally published at <http://her.oxfordjournals.org/> on Dec 1 2010

COURSES/PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS

REHAB ROUNDS SCHEDULE – 2010/2011

Date	Speaker	Location	Topic
March 29 th 12:00 – 1:00	Dr. Frank Kronenberg Founder of Occupational Therapy without Borders	Rm 132	Occupational Therapies Without Borders: Towards an ecology of occupation- based practices
April 7 th 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 5 th 12:00 – 1:00	Luc De Nil Professor and Chair, Dept of Speech-Language Pathology	Rm 132	Stroke-based Neurogenic Stuttering
June 2 nd 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
June 9 th 12:00 – 1:00	Dr. Lyn Turkstra Associate Professor in the Department of Communicative Disorders at the University of Wisconsin-Madison	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

Date and Room	Presenter and Topic	Co-coordinator Present
Mar 17th Rm 150 2-4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Regenerating Central Nervous System Axons, One Eye at a Time". <i>Mark Magharious</i> ▪ "Exploring the experiences of children living with HIV using a disability framework". <i>Marianne Stevens</i> 	Katherine Berg
Mar 31st Rm 150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Identifying the factors that influence the systematic adoption of caregiver education and support programs by the health care system" . <i>Victrine Tseung</i> ▪ "Bandwidth Guidance and Motor Skill Learning". Camille William 	Dina Brooks
Apr 7 th Rm 140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Effects of prenatal alcohol exposure on episodic memory development in late childhood and adolescence." <i>Sabrina Agnihotri</i> ▪ "Compensatory Stepping after Stroke". <i>Liz Inness</i> 	Dina Brooks

CENTRE FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SPRING WORKSHOPS

The Centre for Faculty Development is pleased to announce the schedule for their Spring 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

SCHOLARSHIP OPEN HOUSE AT TORONTO REHAB

\$20,000 Scholarship in Rehabilitation-related Research for Graduate Students with Disabilities

Friday, March 18th - 1:20 to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Toronto Rehab, 550 University Avenue, Toronto. Convene in the lobby (near Timothy's) where the group will be accompanied to the Basement to CEAL, one of the new research labs.

Learn about:

- A career in rehab research
- The experiences of graduate students with disabilities who are scholarship recipients
- Toronto Rehab's \$20,000 Scholarship in Rehabilitation-related Research for Graduate Students with Disabilities
- How to complete a strong scholarship application

Who should attend: People with disabilities interested in pursuing a career in rehab research, including graduate, undergraduate, high school, and international students; academic and career advisors; graduate studies and access office staff; and others.

RSVP to:

Lois Ward, Research Services Manager: 416-597-3422 x 7600 Ward.Lois@torontorehab.on.ca

Refreshments will be served. *Toronto Rehab is wheelchair accessible. If, due to a disability, you have any special needs or requirements, please let us know in advance. We will do our best to accommodate you.*

More Information: Scholarship in Rehabilitation-related Research for Graduate Students with Disabilities, and to download the application and guidelines:
<http://www.torontorehab.com/Research/Students-and-Trainees/Awards-and-Scholarships/Toronto-Rehab-Scholarship-in-Rehabilitation-relate.aspx>

ROTMAN ROUNDS: BOLD AND NOT SO BOLD APPROACHES TO MAGNETIC RESONANCE NEUROIMAGING

Presenter on: **Monday, March 21, 2011** – 3:30pm

Dr. Bradley J. MacIntosh, PhD
Assistant Professor
Medical Biophysics
University of Toronto
Neuroimaging Scientist
Imaging & Brain Sciences

Location:

Classrooms ABC, 2nd Floor, Baycrest Hospital and via telecast at Toronto Western Hospital, Room 3McL-405 (3rd floor, McLaughlin wing, Room 405).

For more information: znussbaum@rotman-baycrest.on.ca

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 <<mailto:lelevesque@sympatico.ca>> or david@mytorontophysio.com, or visit <http://www.easttorontophysiotherapy.com/courses.html>

PROMOTION BY CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY: WHAT AND HOW

CENTRE FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Date, Time & Location:

Tuesday March 29th from 8:30am-12:30pm at the Li Ka Shing International Healthcare Education Centre, 209 Victoria Street, Room 216.

Creative Professional Activity (CPA) is a relatively recent addition to the scholarly activities to be considered in promotion at the University of Toronto. The Faculty of Medicine recognizes CPA under the following three broad categories:

- Professional Innovation and Creative Excellence
- Contributions to the Development of Professional Practices
- Exemplary Professional Practice

Learning Objectives

Following participation in this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the promotion pathway
2. Identify tasks to be completed for CPA dossier development
3. Prepare a timeline for developing a CPA dossier.

<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

MOBILIZATION KNOWLEDGE SEMINAR: FITNESS - GETTING IT RIGHT

Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario

World's First Physical Activity Guidelines for People with SCI

Be Among the First to Gain Insight on a World's First!

SCI Action Canada will soon release the Physical Activity Guidelines

Be Among the First to Gain Insight on a World's First!

SCI Action Canada will soon release the Physical Activity Guidelines for People with a Spinal Cord Injury. A world first! The guidelines provide information on the types, amounts and intensities of exercise needed to improve strength and endurance in people with SCI.

Join us for a **free** informative and interactive presentation as Dr. Kathleen Martin Ginis discusses the new Guidelines, reveals the research findings that inspired them, and what SCI Action Canada is doing to help people with SCI achieve their fitness goals.

Fitness – Let's Do It! As part of this presentation, guests are invited to take part in an exercise demonstration of a home fitness program led by Ravin Persad.

Date: Tuesday March 29, 2011 – 12:00pm

Registration: 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. (Lunch served @11:45 a.m.)

Presentation: 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre Room—Shokokai Court, 6 Garamond Court

RSVP by March 21st to:

Elizabeth Cabral, CPA Ontario: Tel: 1-877-422-1112 ex 224 Elizabeth.cabral@cpaont.org

BAYCREST CENTRE FOR STROKE RECOVERY ROUNDS: MEG AND STROKE

Date: March 30, 2011: 2pm – 3pm
Location: Loftus Hall - note room change
Speaker: Bernhard Ross
Dept. of Medical Biophysics,
University of Toronto
Baycrest Centre, Rotman Research Institute

CLINICAL SCHOLARSHIP: PROMOTING EVIDENCE-INFORMED INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN COMPLEX CONTINUING CARE

Date: Friday April 8, 2011
Location: Sutton Place Hotel, 955 Bay Street, Queen Victoria Ballroom, 2nd Floor
For more information: Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Conferences Services
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 PT 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.

For Further Information: Events View - www.physicaltherapy.utoronto.ca

Contact – 416-946-8641 and/or pt.reception@utoronto.ca

Postdoctoral fellows please register by email at postdoctoral@sgs.utoronto.ca.

FIRST ANNUAL PROFESSORS' CELEBRATION

Please join us!

"Honouring Excellence: A Celebration of the Promotion to Full Professor of Drs. Cheryl Cott, Aileen Davis and Susan Jaglal"

Date: Tuesday May 3, 2011: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Location: Hart House, Music Room

RSVP: pt.reception@utoronto.ca

Dr. Sarita Verma, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, will be giving opening remarks, and a plenary address will be presented by Drs. Cott, Davis and Jaglal: **"Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation: Are we Ready for the Future?"**

A reception will follow the presentations, from 5:15pm – 6:00pm

EVIDENCE-INFORMED DECISION MAKING

When: Sunday May 1st thru Friday May 6th, 2011

Where: McMaster University, Hamilton

Why: The EIDM Workshop is open to participants of all skills levels, from beginning to advanced, who are looking to gain skills and confidence in searching, accessing, critically appraising, interpreting, and applying the best evidence to decision making.

To register online:

http://ccebnc.mcmaster.ca/index.php?option=com_jforms&view=form&id=1&Itemid=61

The EIDM Workshop is being offered by the Canadian Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing (CCEBN). For more information visit <http://ccebnc.mcmaster.ca> or contact CCEBN directly at ccebnc@mcmaster.ca

6TH ANNUAL CARDIAC REHABILITATION SYMPOSIUM & 12TH ANNUAL CRNO EDUCATION DAY: FOSTERING HEART WELLNESS

Date: Friday, May 6, 2011

Location: Rumsey Centre, Toronto

For more information:

Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Conference Services, 416-597-3422 x.3693 or conferences@torontorehab.on.ca

Website: <http://www.torontorehab.com/Events/Corporate-Events/6th-Annual-Cardiac-Rehabilitation-Symposium---12th>

CARDIORESPIRATORY AND MOBILITY: PHYSICAL THERAPY SKILLS IN ACUTE CARE

Sponsored by the Physical Therapy Cardiorespiratory Team at Toronto General Hospital

Date: Saturday, May 7 & Sunday, May 8 2011

Location: Toronto General Hospital - EN1-429/430.

Course Objectives:

The 2- day course is designed for graduate physical therapists & students who wish to establish & improve physiotherapy skills using evidence based practice approach with cardiorespiratory patients.

The program will review assessment techniques for the acute cardiorespiratory patient through didactic and small group sessions. Oxygen Therapy and Safe Mobility for the Critical Care Patient will be reviewed in both lecture and lab format.

Contact: Sherry Harburn – (416) 340-4800 ext. 4432 or sherry.harburn@uhn.on.ca

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.

This conference is being organized by:

1. Centre for Faculty Development in the Li Ka Shing International Education Centre of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital, a joint program with the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
2. Centre for Medical Education and Faculty Development, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University

Contact Information: Office of Continuing Education & Professional Development
Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
Phone: 416.978.2719 Fax: 416.946.7028
info.cepd@utoronto.ca <http://www.facultydevelopment2011.com/>

REHABILITATION SCIENCES SHOWCASE: ADVANCING EDUCATION & RESEARCH

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

You are invited to participate in the third annual Rehabilitation Sciences Showcase.

To register or submit an abstract, complete the online form at:
<http://app1.rehab.utoronto.ca/rssresearchday/>

Important Dates:

Abstract Due Date: **March 22, 2011**
Registration Deadline: **April 21, 2011**

MORNING PROGRAM: 9:00am – 1:00pm
CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

Clinical Education: Partnering for Success
Rehab Sciences Building, 500 University Avenue

And GDRS Events:

JRR McLeod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building, Rm 2158

1:00 – 1:45pm: Lunch – McLeod Auditorium Lobby

AFTERNOON - PLENARY SESSION AGENDA

1:45 – 2:00 Introduction and Welcome remarks

2:00 – 2:45 **Keynote Presentation: “Facing Challenges in Health Care”**

Professor Cheryl Regehr, Vice-Provost, Academic Programs, UofT

2:45 – 3:45 Student Presentations and Poster Awards

4:00 – 5:30 Poster Session and Wine and Cheese: Stone Lobby, Medical Sciences Building

For more information contact: E-mail rehab.sector@utoronto.ca

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

For Registration Form and Information: jeffrey.andrion@utoronto.ca
Jeffrey Andrion, The Holland Orthopaedic and Arthritic Centre
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

**THE SECOND FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON CAREGIVING,
DISABILITY, AGING AND TECHNOLOGY (FICCDAT)**

Location and Date: Toronto, June 5-8, 2011

This is an amazing event where six international conferences come together under one roof. You pay one registration and then attend sessions in all six conferences and events. You can also submit abstracts to as many of the six conferences as you like.

Visit www.ficcdat.ca for more information.
<http://www.ficcdat.ca/main.cfm?cid=1559>

**MANAGEMENT OF THE NEUROLOGICAL UPPER EXTREMITY – AN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL
NDT WORKSHOP**

Date: June 17-18, 2011
Location: Toronto Rehab’s University Centre - Auditorium, Toronto

This year, we will again offer the NDT/Bobath Certificate Course in the Management and Treatment of Adults with Hemiplegia. Successful completion of this 16-day course provides eligibility to apply for the NDT Certification Program.

Contact: Conference Services at 416-597-3422 x.3693 or conferences@torontorehab.on.ca. For more information, please visit [http://www.torontorehab.com/Events/Corporate-Events/NDT-\(Bobath\)-Certificate-Course-in-the-Management-.aspx](http://www.torontorehab.com/Events/Corporate-Events/NDT-(Bobath)-Certificate-Course-in-the-Management-.aspx).

EHPIC 2011 - ADVANCING THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE THROUGH INTERPROFESSIONAL LEARNING

A certificate course for Health Professionals, Educators & Leaders
Sponsored by the Centre for Interprofessional Education, University of Toronto.

This course will enhance your natural leadership abilities to teach excellence in interprofessional Education (IPE), helping to build an IPE community of leaders in healthcare.

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 health care 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

For more information: The office of Continuing Education and Professional Development
416-978-2719 info-IPE1102-C@cepdtoronto.ca
www.cepdtoronto.ca

Abstract Submission: <http://events.cepdtoronto.ca/website/index/IPE1102-C>

Deadline to apply is April 1st, 2011!

THIRD NORTH AMERICAN CONGRESS OF EPIDEMIOLOGY

Date: June 21-24, 2011 – Sheraton Centre Montreal

Please visit the website to download the submission form. www.epicongress2011.org

Epidemiologic researchers, educators, and policy makers from academia, public health, government, and industry are invited to come together at the Third North American Congress of Epidemiology. The Congress aims to showcase and promote the diversity of study, practice and policy within epidemiology as a whole, and has no theme other than epidemiology. This meeting is held only once every five years and provides a unique opportunity to interact with a diverse group of epidemiologists from more than 20 professional societies. The meeting will include plenary addresses from visionary leaders; symposia addressing emerging issues cutting across topical fields; spotlight and poster sessions selected.

For more information: www.epicongress2011.org

NDT (BOBATH) CERTIFICATE COURSE IN THE MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT OF ADULTS WITH HEMIPLEGIA

October 17-21, 24-28, and November 28-December 3, 2011

Location: Toronto Rehab's University Centre - Auditorium, Toronto

This intermediate level workshop **for PT and OT assistants** will build on NDT principles and handling skills presented in the NDT Introductory Course in the Management of Adults with Hemiplegia. The goal of the course will be to enhance the clinician's knowledge of thoracic and rib cage alignment and movement, scapulothoracic alignment and movement, their impact on upper extremity function as well as their contribution to commonly seen dysfunction such as pain, tone, oedema.

Contact: Conference Services at 416-597-3422 x.3693 or conferences@torontorehab.on.ca. For more information, please visit <http://www.torontorehab.com/Events/Corporate-Events/Management-of-the-Neurological-Upper-Extremity---A>.

FIRST ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON REGENERATIVE REHABILITATION

HOLD THE DATE: November 3, 4, 2011

Location: Pittsburgh, PA.

As you know, medical advances in the field of Regenerative Medicine are accelerating at an unprecedented rate. Biological technologies such as stem cell transplantation, scaffolds, and artificial devices are now being tested in clinical trials throughout the country, opening up a novel population of patients to clinicians and exciting new areas of investigation for rehabilitation scientists. As a field, physical therapists would benefit from a careful examination as to the implications of such advancements on our clinical practice, research agenda, and educational programs.

This conference has the goal of stimulating reflection and debate as to the emerging role of physical therapeutics in the field of regenerative medicine.

Who should attend? Program directors/ faculty members of Physical Therapy and Physiatry programs, Scientists and clinicians working in the fields of Regenerative Medicine and/or Rehabilitation, and graduate students with related interests are all welcome to attend.

More conference details to come! If you have any questions, contact Fabrisia Ambrosio ambrosiof@upmc.edu

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
Phone 416-597-3422 x 3693 Email: conferences@torontorehab.on.ca

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CAREERS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR POSITION – TENURE STREAM

The Department of Physical Therapy, University of Toronto invites applications for a **tenure-stream appointment**. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor with an anticipated start date of January 1st, 2012.

The Department is seeking applications from highly motivated individuals with a doctorate in a health related field, post-doctoral training, and preferably with a degree in physical therapy. Individuals should be able to demonstrate evidence of excellence in research productivity, innovative scholarship and a commitment to excellence in teaching. Recruiting individuals with excellent leadership and interpersonal skills as well as experience working with multi-disciplinary research teams and clinical colleagues is important to our academic mission. Applicants should have a keen understanding of the basic and applied aspects of their research as well as awareness of current physical therapy practice. Priority will be given to individuals with a promising publication record in refereed journals and a productive research program supported by external funding. Successful candidates will be expected to teach in the MScPT professional program and to supervise MSc and PhD students as a cross-appointed faculty member in the department of Rehabilitation Science (www.utoronto.ca/gdrs.) Candidates should be eligible for an academic appointment. Salary to be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please submit your application online at the link below:

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If you are unable to apply online, please submit your application and other materials to the following address:

Dr. Katherine Berg, Chair and Associate Professor,
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Qualified individuals are requested to include, in confidence, a letter outlining their qualifications for the position, as well as a curriculum vitae. Applicants should also provide a list of three persons who can be contacted by the search committee for a letter of reference once the short list of candidates is established.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: May 3rd, 2011 and the position will remain open until filled.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

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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.

For availability and rates, please contact the Rehab Sciences Sector at:
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