Abstract submission is now open! – 2024 International Forum on COVID Rehabilitation Research

Abstract submissions are now being accepted for the 2nd International Forum on COVID Rehabilitation Research.

The Rehabilitation Science Research Network for COVID (the Network) is hosting the 2024 International Forum on COVID Rehabilitation Research on Friday April 19th. The **aim of this forum** is to advance knowledge transfer and exchange, collaborations and partnerships in COVID rehabilitation research in practice among persons with lived experiences, caregivers, researchers, clinicians, educators, trainees, representatives from community organizations, and policy stakeholders with an interest in COVID-19 rehabilitation research. The Forum will be held virtually (via Zoom) and in-person at the Rehabilitation Sciences Building, 500 University Avenue (Room 140), Toronto.

The Network Forum committee invites abstracts for in-person or online **poster presentations** at the upcoming 2024 International Forum on COVID Rehabilitation Research. **Abstracts should align with at least one of the following themes,** based on the Framework of Research Priorities in COVID Rehabilitation (Figure 1):
1) understanding experiences of episodic disability;
2) assessing episodic disability;
3) identifying and examining safe approaches to rehabilitation;
4) examining the role, implementation, and impact of models of rehabilitation care; or
5) examining access to safe, timely and appropriate rehabilitation and other health care provider services.
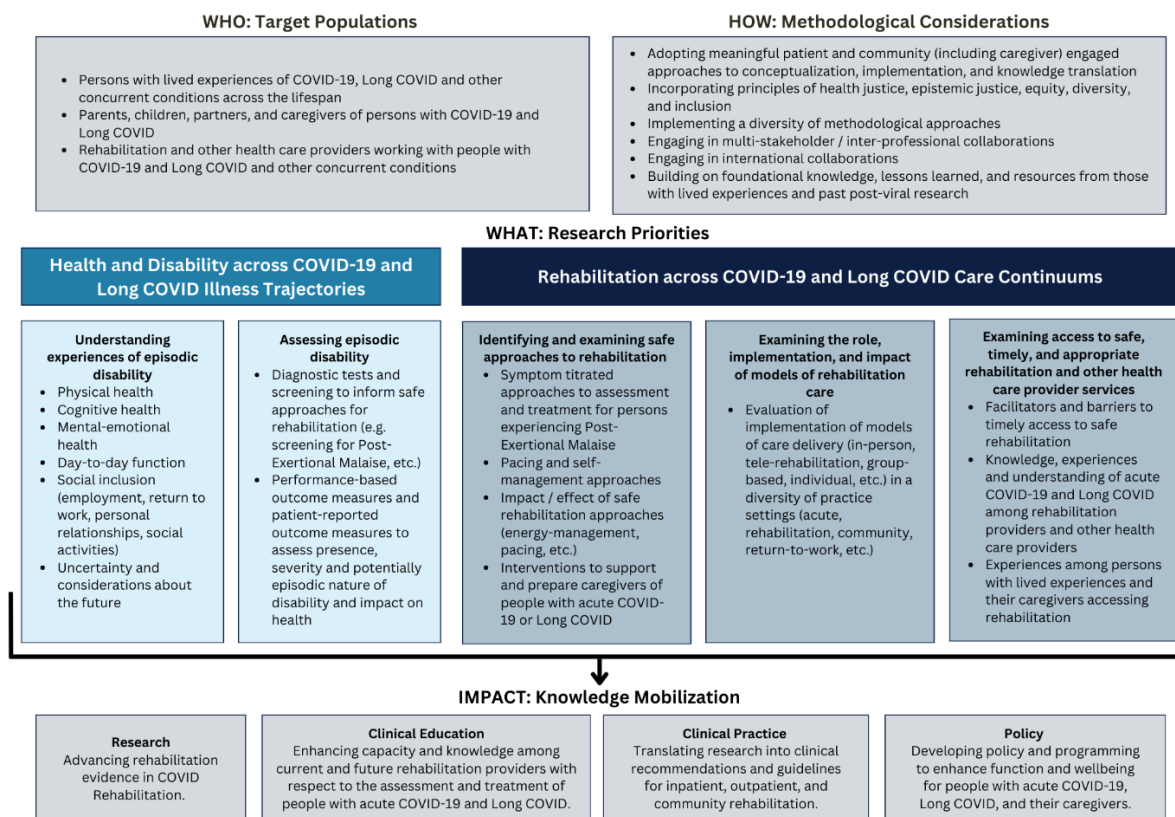6) Methodological considerations in COVID rehabilitation research

Please read below for a complete list of abstract themes and topics and relevant target populations.

The deadline for abstract submission is Friday February 2nd, 2024.

Please carefully read the following abstract submission guidelines and policies prior to submitting your abstract here.

Figure 1: Framework of Research Priorities in COVID Rehabilitation

Framework of Research Priorities in COVID Rehabilitation

Abstract submission guidelines and policies

We invite researchers and trainees to share their research results in COVID rehabilitation research. All submitting and presenting authors must register as a member of the Rehabilitation Science Research Network for COVID.

Submission of an abstract acknowledges your consent to the following:

- If accepted, your abstract will be published in the Forum Report made accessible on the Network website.
- If accepted, and if you are attending in person that you agree to display a hard copy version of your poster at the Forum and electronic version (pdf format) on the Network website.
- If accepted and you are attending online, you agree to display an electronic version (pdf) of your poster on the Network website.

Abstract submission and review timeline

The deadline for abstract submission is Friday February 2nd, 2024. The submitting author will be notified by email. Subsequent correspondence will be with presenting author(s) only. Poster presentation guidelines will be sent via email in March 2024 to all accepted poster presenters. This includes information on poster viewing times, poster size, set up and removal times.

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Presenting author registration
Presenter authors must register to attend the 2024 International Forum on COVID Rehabilitation
Research. Registration for the Forum is free. If you are not registered by the Presenting Author
registration deadline of March 15, 2024, your abstract may not be included in the final program.

Disclosure of potential conflict of interest
If an author or immediate family member has had a substantial personal financial relationship relating to
the support of the abstract within the past five years, this relationship must be described. Such
relationships include salaries, ownerships, equity positions, stock options, royalties, consulting fees and
honoraria for speaking, material support and other financial arrangements. During the abstract
submission process, you will be asked to disclose any potential conflicts of interest.

Language of abstract
Abstracts must be submitted in English.

Number of submissions
There is a limit of two abstract submissions per presenting author.

Individual researchers are limited to presenting two abstracts during the Forum program. If the author
wishes to submit more than two (2) abstracts, the additional abstracts should be submitted by another
researcher on the investigation team (that is, other than the principal investigator or presenting
researcher). There is no limit to the number of times that a researcher's name may appear as a member
of a team of investigators on abstracts submitted to the Forum. In cases where a researcher is involved
in more than two abstracts or study submitted for the Forum program, that researcher may be listed as
the presenter only twice.

Abstract Title, Structure, and Length
The abstract title is limited to 10 words. Please use Title Case (capital letters to start the principal words)
for your abstract title instead of all CAPITAL or all small letters. Abstracts should be no more than 250
words in length, not including the title. Please note that abstracts will be truncated at 250 words in the
Program if they run longer. Abstracts should include the following sections: Background and Objective;
Methods; Results; and Conclusions. Authors will also be asked to describe the implications of their
research for COVID rehabilitation (≤100 words).

Abstract themes
- Understanding experiences of episodic disability
- Assessing episodic disability
- Identifying and examining safe approaches to rehabilitation
- Examining the role, implementation, and impact of models of rehabilitation care
- Examining access to safe, timely and appropriate rehabilitation and other health care provider
  services
- Methodological considerations in COVID rehabilitation research
  - Community (including caregiver) engaged approaches to conceptualization,
    implementation, and knowledge translation in COVID rehabilitation research
  - Incorporating principles of health justice, epistemic justice, equity, diversity, and
    inclusion into COVID rehabilitation research

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   o Engaging in multi-stakeholder / inter-professional and international collaborations in COVID rehabilitation research

Target populations
- Persons with lived experiences of COVID-19, Long COVID and other concurrent conditions across the lifespan
- Parents, children, partners, and caregivers of persons with COVID-19 and Long COVID
- Rehabilitation and other health care providers working with people with COVID-19 and Long COVID and other concurrent conditions

Questions?
Please contact the Program Coordinator, Kiera McDuff, at rehab.covid@utoronto.ca!

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