



Rehabilitation Science Research Network for COVID: 2nd International Forum on COVID Rehabilitation Research

Friday April 19, 2024 9:30am – 4:30pm EST

Online (Zoom) and In-Person (500 University Ave, Room 140, University of Toronto)

Free Event

Aim of Forum: To advance knowledge transfer and exchange, collaborations and partnerships in COVID rehabilitation research and practice.

Forum Program at a Glance

Time (EDT)	Topic
9:00-9:30am	Registration
9:30-9:40am	Land Acknowledgement & Welcome from the Rehabilitation Sciences Sector and Temerty Faculty of Medicine
9:40-10:00am	<p>Overview & Aims of the Forum Jill Cameron & Kelly O'Brien, Co-Directors, Rehabilitation Science Research Network for COVID, University of Toronto</p> <p>Welcome from Long COVID Physio Todd Davenport, Chair, Long COVID Physio</p> <p>Welcome from Long COVID Web Angela Cheung, Co-Lead, Long COVID Web</p>
10:00-10:40am	<p>Keynote Session #1 – <i>Developing Support Services for Long COVID: contending with a complex pathophysiology and an undulating symptom presentation</i> Mark Faghy, Associate Professor, School of Human Sciences, University of Derby, UK</p>
10:40-11:00am	Break & Poster Viewing in the Lobby
11:00-11:50am	<p>Keynote Session #2 – Panel Discussion: Community engagement in rehabilitation research – a year in review <u>Aim of Session:</u> To build capacity learning from persons with lived experiences about their experiences and perspectives engaging in COVID rehabilitation research, to reflect on the PLRC score cards (1 year on) and to discuss recommendations, considerations and best practices for engaging in COVID rehabilitation research. <u>Panelists:</u> Margaret O'Hara (Long COVID Support UK); Linda Li (Department of Physical Therapy, UBC); Hannah Wei (Patient Led Research Collaborative and Advisory Committee); Sammie McFarland (Long COVID Kids and Advisory Committee); Susie Goulding (COVID Long Haulers Support Group Canada and Advisory Committee); Mark Rutledge (Advisory Committee member); Lindsay Skipper (Long COVID Physio, UK) <u>Moderator:</u> Kiera McDuff (Rehabilitation Science Research Network for COVID)</p>
11:50am-1:00pm	Lunch & Poster Viewing in the Lobby
1:00-2:00pm	Research Evidence Session Part 1 – Health and Disability across Acute and Long COVID Illness Trajectories



	<p><u>Aim of Session:</u> To foster knowledge transfer and exchange on evidence related to 1) understanding experiences of episodic disability; and 2) assessing episodic disability.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Victor Ezeugwu, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, Physical Therapy, University of Alberta Lindsey Hahn, Postdoctoral Fellow, OT, University of Alberta Behdin Nowrouzi-Kia, Assistant Professor, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, University of Toronto
2:00-2:20pm	Break & Poster Viewing in the Lobby
2:20-3:10pm	<p>Research Evidence Session Part 2 – Rehabilitation across Acute COVID-19 and Long COVID Care Continuums</p> <p><u>Aim of Session:</u> To foster knowledge transfer and exchange on evidence related to COVID Rehabilitation research, specifically; i) identifying and examining safe approaches to rehabilitation; ii) examining the role, implementation and impact of models of rehabilitation care, iii) assessing access to safe, timely and appropriate rehabilitation and other health care provider services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kiera McDuff, Program Coordinator, Rehabilitation Science Research Network for COVID, University of Toronto Diana Sanchez-Ramirez, Assistant Professor, College of Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Manitoba Jaylyn Leighton, Post-doctoral Fellow, St. John’s Rehab, Sunnybrook Research Institute, Toronto, Ontario
3:10-4:15pm	<p>Keynote Session #3 – Panel Discussion: Bridging Research Evidence with Real World: Community, Clinical and Policy Perspectives on Navigating the Maze of the Continuum of Care, Living with Long</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Nisa Malli (Patient Led Research Collaborative); Chester Ho (University of Alberta); Adam Brown (Cornerstone Physiotherapy); Jessica DeMars (Breathe Well Physio); Helen Skiffington (Occupational Therapist, UK); Alexandra Rendely (University Health Network)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Katie Churchill (Rehabilitative Care Alliance)</p>
4:15-4:30pm	Next Steps, Wrap-Up, and Evaluations

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