

# Building International Partnerships in HIV and Rehabilitation: Canada-UK HIV Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CUHRRC)

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Toronto, Ontario

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# What is CUHRRC?

## Canada-UK HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative

International research collaborative that includes people living with HIV, researchers, clinicians, representatives from AIDS service organizations and policy stakeholders in Canada and the United Kingdom (UK) with an interest in HIV and rehabilitation research

- Founded in 2009



# Background

- **Canada and UK** – facing similar issues including challenges accessing rehabilitation services, social participation issues, income and employment, concurrent health conditions faced by those aging such as diabetes, osteoarthritis, and cardiac disease.
  - **UK** – well established HIV and rehabilitation clinical practice system
  - **Canada** – well established research foundation fostered by CWGHR.
- Opportunities existed to bridge areas of research and practice.



# CUHRRC Meeting – October 2009

- Successfully obtained CIHR Meeting Grant Funding (Spring 2009)
  - Kelly O'Brien, -McMaster University
  - Will Chegwidan (OT) – Barts and the London
  - Patty Solomon- McMaster University
  - Catherine Worthington- University of Calgary
  - Elisse Zack – CWGHR
  - Francisco Ibanez-Carrasco – OTHN
  - Chloe Orkin – Barts and the London
- Community-Clinical-Academic Collaborative
- First step in bridging widespread clinical knowledge in the UK with the strong research foundation on HIV and rehabilitation in Canada.



# CUHRRC Meeting – October 2009

**Meeting Goal:** To develop an international collaborative research agenda that will address research priorities in HIV and rehabilitation by establishing partnerships with researchers, clinicians, policy makers, and community organizations in Canada and the UK.

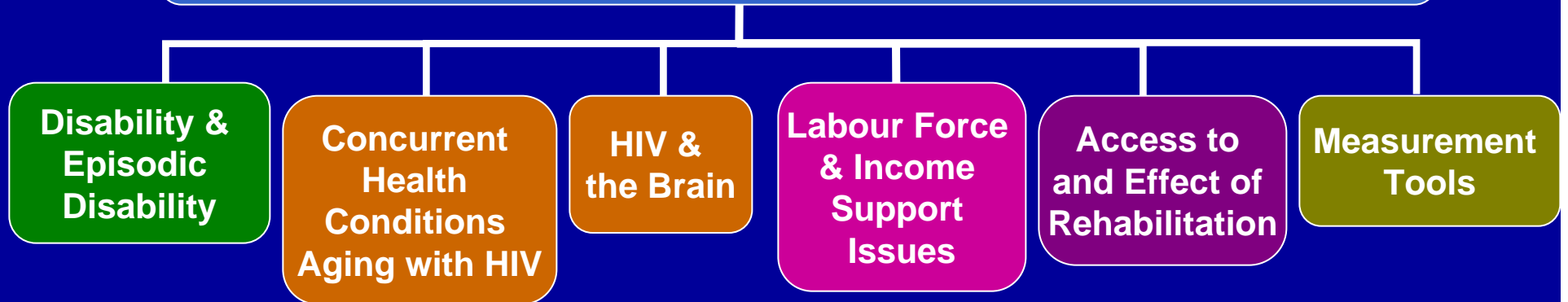
## **Specific objectives:**

- 1) Knowledge transfer and exchange on HIV and rehabilitation research and service delivery.
- 2) Developing 1-2 international research proposals for the CUHRRC.



# Research Priorities in HIV and Rehabilitation

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AIDS Behav  
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ORIGINAL PAPER

**Scoping the Field: Identifying Key Research Priorities  
in HIV and Rehabilitation**



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# CUHRRC Meeting Outcomes

Research objectives to pursue....

1) To explore a) the prevalence of disability among PHAs, b) access to and use of related rehabilitation services, and c) living wellness strategies adopted, from the perspective of PHAs.

2) To describe the models of rehabilitation service delivery in Canada and UK (policy analysis) –  
Jacquie

3) Research bank of ideas (fatigue, aging adults, impact of exercise program in UK).

**Recently Funded – Centre for REACH  
Seed Grant - April 2011-March 2012**

**Catalyst Grant CIHR  
Oct 2010-Sept 2011**

# 1) CUHRRC CIHR Catalyst Grant Study

**Purpose:** To develop a survey study to: a) describe disability and b) examine access to and use of related health and rehabilitation services and c) living strategies among PHAs in Canada.



## **Objectives:**

- 1) Develop the survey instrument.
- 2) Develop the sampling strategy and data collection methods.
- 3) Pre-test and pilot the survey instrument and data collection methods with a small sample of PHAs in Canada.
- 4) Develop a CIHR Operating Grant Proposal to submit for funding for the implementation of the full Canadian survey – Fall 2011.



# CUHRRC Catalyst Team

## Team Members from

McMaster University  
CWGHR (*Principal Knowledge User*)  
University of Calgary / Victoria  
Dalhousie University  
University of Toronto  
McMaster University  
Ontario HIV Treatment Network  
Barts and the London NHS Trust  
Canada-UK HIV and Rehabilitation  
Research Collaborative

## Collaborators

Nine Circles Community Health  
Centre (Winnipeg)  
Dr. Peter Centre (Vancouver)  
Positive Living Society of British  
Columbia  
Direction 180 (Halifax)



## 2) HIV and Rehabilitation: Bridging Policy and Practice Study

Jacque Gahagan et al, Dalhousie University

### Objectives:

- 1) To conduct a policy scoping review of existing HIV rehabilitation policies in Canada and the UK
- 2) To use this review as a foundation to develop a CIHR operating grant to address the Policy-to-Practice implications for the health outcomes of adults living with HIV in Canada and the UK.

**Funded By:** Centre for REACH Policy Seed Grant

- CWGHR is a Co-Applicant.
- Aligns with CWGHR's work on Access Issues to Rehabilitation

# Other CUHRRC Updates

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- Terms of Reference
- CUHRRC Logo
- CUHRRC quarterly teleconferences
- CUHRRC membership >30 members
- New partnerships – researchers in UK
- CWGHR – Funding from PHAC for CUHRRC Coordination
- CUHRRC webpage on the CWGHR website

## International HIV knowledge exchange

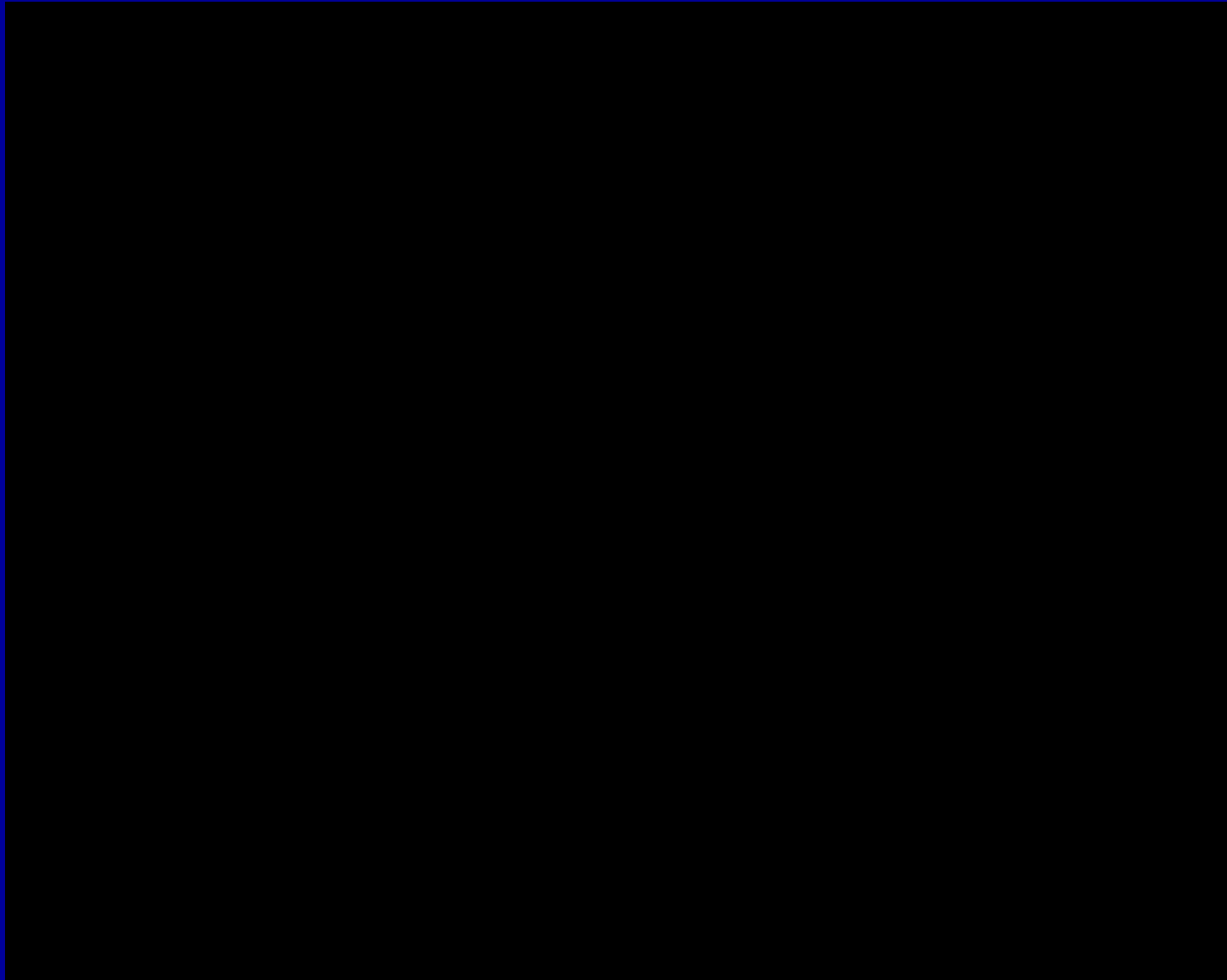
A HIV rehabilitation research collaborative has recently been established at international meeting. **Will Chegwidden** reports



Chegwidden, W. OTNews. December 2009.

<http://www.cot.co.uk/MainWebSite/Resources/Document/International%20HIV%20knowledge%20exchange.pdf>

From CUHHRC in London, UK



# From CUHHRC in Canada

