



Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation
Groupe de travail canadien sur le VIH et la réinsertion sociale

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Health Gateway Launch

[Health Gateway](#) Your link to living well with chronic conditions and disabilities

Health Gateway (www.healthgateway.ca) is an Ontario-focused, accessible web-based e-library for people living with complex chronic illnesses and episodic disabilities and their caregivers that connects them to the resources that meet their needs, wherever they are in their care journey. Click [here](#) to go to the Health Gateway website.

For more information please contact Martine Mangion at mmangion@hivandrehab.ca or 416-513-0440, ext. 244.

“Rehabilitation in the Context of HIV” online course to be included in curriculum at University of Manitoba, Dalhousie University and University of Toronto

CWGHR is happy to announce that the University of Manitoba, Dalhousie University and the University of Toronto are integrating our online course “**Rehabilitation in the Context of HIV**” into their academic curriculum. We are working with other universities as well to promote integration of the course into relevant curriculum.

For more information on this course for institutional or individual use, please visit cwghrcampus.hivandrehab.ca or contact Le-Ann Dolan at ldolan@hivandrehab.ca or 416-513-0440, ext. 224.

Rehabilitation in the Context of HIV – Re-Launch – for health care professionals and other interested individuals

CWGHR is re-launching the online course ‘Rehabilitation in the Context of HIV’ with ***NEW PRICING***. Developed and sponsored by CWGHR and supported by the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA), the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) and the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA), this self-directed course increases the capacity of rehabilitation professionals and other health /care providers to respond interprofessionally to people living with HIV and other complex, episodic disabilities.

Check with your professional association or college as continuing education hours or credits for this course may be available!

To find out more and register online, visit cwghrcampus.hivandrehab.ca. For additional information and/or for institutional use of the course, contact Le-Ann Dolan at ldolan@hivandrehab.ca or 416-513-0440, ext. 224.

CWGHR at CAG 2011

CWGHR together with the national committee on HIV and Aging will be hosting a pre-conference workshop "**Learning Across Borders: HIV and Other Complex Chronic Illnesses as We Age**" at the 40th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting (ASEM) of the CAG and the 4th Pan American Congress of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG): October 21 - 23, 2011, Ottawa, ON

[Register here](#) for this pre-conference workshop or see the [flyer](#) for more information.

CWGHR will also be presenting "HIV, other Episodic Disabilities and Aging: The New Normal", a workshop at the conference on Sunday, October 23, 2011, 8:00 am - 9:30 am

[Register here](#) for the conference including this workshop.

If you have any questions, please contact Le-Ann Dolan at 416-513-0440 ext 224 or by email at ldolan@hivandrehab.ca

Other CWGHR educational initiatives

Interactive online courses:

Managing Episodic Disabilities: Introduction

Interested in learning more about episodic disabilities and employment? The course is part one of our series on episodic disabilities in the workplace. Register online at cwghrcampus.hivandrehab.ca for CWGHR's professionally-recognized, self-directed online course, *Managing Episodic Disabilities: An Introduction*, or contact Melissa Popiel at mpopiel@hivandrehab.ca or 416-513-0440, ext. 235.

Managing Episodic Disabilities: Accommodation Best Practices

Register for part two of our series on episodic disabilities in the workplace and earn continuing education points toward the CHRP designation across Canada. The course includes leading practices in the areas of communications, organizational culture and accommodating employees living with episodic disabilities in the workplace.

Register for *Managing Episodic Disabilities: Accommodation Best Practices* online at cwghrcampus.hivandrehab.ca or contact Melissa Popiel at mpopiel@hivandrehab.ca or 416-513-0440, ext. 235.

Positive Outlook: upcoming workshops on mental health and HIV

Positive Outlook: Working with HIV, Depression and Rehabilitation brings you yet another series of workshops in St. John's NL, Saskatoon SK, Calgary, AB and Montreal, QC. Positive Outlook

workshops bring a practical approach to learning about mental health and HIV to front-line workers across the country.

If you are currently, or in the future may be working with people with HIV, and if you are a front-line rehabilitation or other health or social service provider, this workshop is for you.

Upcoming workshop(s):

St. John's, NL: November 14-15, 2011 (*dates to be confirmed*)

Saskatoon, SK: November 17-18, 2011

Calgary, AB: December 8-9, 2011

Montreal, QC: December 15-16, 2011

For more information and to register for the workshop, please contact Jordan at jlewis@hivandrehab.ca or 416-513-0440, ext. 249.

Other CWGHR resources

Coming up: Episodic Disabilities Employment Network (EDEN) new, updated website and forum

If you're living with an episodic disability and are looking to connect with others living with episodic disabilities to discuss overcoming employment challenges, join the conversation on EDEN. We are updating our website and creating an interactive online forum for the group.

Visit www.edencanada.ca or contact Melissa Popiel at mpopiel@hivandrehab.ca or 416-513-0440, ext. 235.

Episodic Disability Network (EDN) 2011 brief to the Standing Committee on Finance

The EDN submitted a brief "[The Path Forward: Addressing Episodic Disabilities in Canada](#)" to the Standing Committee on Finance for the 2011 Pre-Budget Consultations.

To read the brief please follow the link above. For more information, contact Martine Mangion at mmangion@hivandrehab.ca or 416-513-0440, ext. 244.

CWGHR participation at meetings and conferences

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The fourth Conference of States Parties of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) was held September 7-9, 2011, at the United Nations headquarters in New York, including governments and disability organizations from many countries. Elisse Zack and Martine Mangion from CWGHR were there to promote integration of issues of HIV within in the context of other disabilities and the Convention, as well as work on CWGHR's new project ***Working Together for Human Rights: HIV and Disability in the context of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)***. This initiative focuses on developing and promoting tools and strategies for people living with HIV and other disabilities and those who work with and care for them, to decrease stigma and discrimination in their daily lives and promote and protect human rights through the use of the newly ratified CRPD. Disability related organizations and advocates including CWGHR used the opportunity to meet in person to plan strategic directions specifically related to HIV and other disabilities and the CRPD. We will provide an update from this meeting as we move forward on key developments.

For more information, contact Martine Mangion at mmangion@hivandrehab.ca or 416-513-0440, ext. 244.

Keep up-to-date on the latest developments, news and resources on the implementation of the Convention at the United Nations enable website: <http://www.un.org/disabilities/>.

Links and resources from CWGHR partners

Recent Canada-UK HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CUHRRC) activities

CUHRRC is an 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.

Current CUHRRC activities include:

- 1) A presentation on CUHRRC at the World Congress of Physical Therapy Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands in June 2011.
- 2) Developing an operating grant proposal that will be submitted to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Fall 2011 Competition.

For more information on these activities and/or CUHRRC, please contact Chia-Yu Lin, CUHRRC Coordinator at CUHRRC@mcmaster.ca or visit cuhrrc.hivandrehab.ca.

Ontario's Social Assistance Review

The Social Assistance Review is currently taking place in Ontario. Below are links to some submissions that have been developed by non-profit organisations in Ontario.

ARCH: A Legal Resource Centre's submission:

<http://www.archdisabilitylaw.ca/?q=arch%E2%80%99s-submission-commission-review-social-assistance-ontario-0>

MS Society of Ontario submission:

http://mssociety.ca/ontario/pdf/SocialAssistanceReviewSubmission_MSSociety.pdf

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