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Happy Holidays!!!

MESSAGE FROM THE CENTRAL TEAM:

Our winter newsletter highlights some of the exciting contributions made by Consortium members to the National SCI Conference. Members of the Consortium presented 6 posters, 5 manuscripts and also were involved in 4 award-winning presentations. We can all be proud of the achievements, hard work and commitment of each and every network member and look forward to more of the same in '22.

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Happy Holidays everyone!

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NETWORK INITIATION, STRUCTURE, & PROGRESS IN REHABILITATION CARE: THE SPINAL CORD INJURY IMPLEMENTATION & EVALUATION QUALITY CARE CONSORTIUM.

TORONTO, CANADA. POSTER

Farahani F, Wolfe, Dl, Evbuomwan I, Craven BC, and the SCI IEQCC Group

- SCI IEQCC is a collaborative network consisting of rehabilitation programs, community organizations, stakeholders, and individuals with lived experience
- Aims to ensure functional recovery and advance care by delivering optimal and equitable health care services
- Supports the translation of knowledge into practice
- Facilitates the implementation of indicators and related best practices within 6 prioritized domains
- Data is collected locally and transferred for analysis and report card distribution







VIEWS FROM THE FRONT LINES: THE SPINAL CORD INJURY IMPLEMENTATION & EVALUATION QUALITY CARE CONSORTIUM.

TORONTO, CANADA. POSTER

Chase A, Cornell S, Demers MJ, Duley J, Floriancic B, Giurleo C, Mizzoni C, Plourde K, Scovil C, Vandenwyngaert J, Ventre A, Wong C, Flett H, Kras-Dupuis A, Evbuomwan I, Farahani F, Craven BC, Wolfe DL

- Implementation and Evaluation Specialists (IESs) are the champions of the SCI IEQCC's efforts to achieving equitable, optimal care
- IESs lead local Site Implementation Teams, coordinate with data clerks, and participate in virtual central biweekly meetings
- Represent the front lines toward system transformation by contributing to a "learning health system culture"
- 12 IESs and 127 staff members helped run 18 local educational activities and 7 summits

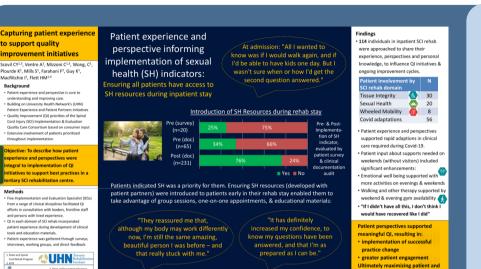
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CAPTURING PATIENT EXPERIENCE TO SUPPORT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES.

TORONTO, CANADA. POSTER

Scovil C, Ventre A, Mizzoni C, Wong C, Plourde K, Mills S, Farahani F, Guy K , MacRitiche I, Flett H

- Patient experience and perspective is core to the implementation of quality improvement initiatives
- 114 inpatients were involved throughout the implementation of SCI rehab domains
- Patient input contributed to significant enhancements such as:
 - Support for emotional well-being through more evening & weekend activities
 - Support for walking and other therapies through evening & weekend gym availability

IMPLEMENTING DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SCREENING FOR INPATIENT SCI POPULATION.

TORONTO, CANADA. POSTER

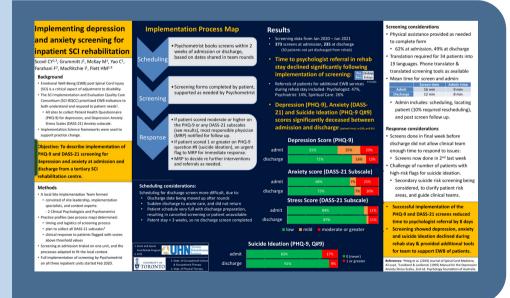
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Scovil C, Grummitt J, Mckay M, Yao C, Farahani F, Macritchie I, Flett H

- Emotional well-being is a critical aspect of adjustment to disability
- SCI IEQCC sites were asked to collect the PHQ-9 and DASS-21 scales
- Site implementation team consisted of content experts, leadership, and implementation specialists
- Implementation science frameworks were used to support practice change
- Successful implementation of screens reduced psychologist referrals by 8 days
- Depression, anxiety, and suicide ideation declined during rehab stay



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Click this link to view all posters - https://cscira.ca/2021-virtual-program/posters-recordings/

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PATIENT PERSPECTIVES REGARDING A **7-DAY THERAPY MODEL DURING THE ONSET OF COVID-19**

TORONTO, CANADA, POSTER

Craven B C, Amiri M, Guy K, Flett H M, Farahani F, Jeyathevan G, MacRitiche I, Mighty G, Mills S, Mizzonie C, Scovil C, Wong C. Ventre A. Cripps-McMartin p.

- Outpatient staff were redeployed to inpatient programs.
- Therapy services were provided 7days/week for 12 hours/day
- Patient and staff surveys were conducted to evaluate the impact of the new schedule
- About 30 patients with median 57-80 day LOS indicated a preference for a 6day vs 7-day therapy model
- Weekend recreational programs had the best attendance

A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR WEEKLY GAIT AND BALANCE TESTING IN AN INPATIENT **SCI REHABILITATION PROGRAM: OPTIMIZING PHYSIOTHERAPY RESOURCES, USE OF OUTCOME MEASURES** AND DOCUMENTATION

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HAMILTON, CANADA, POSTER

Diana L Herrington, Leanne Michelle Read, Anastasia Stojakovic, Jacklyn D. Penner, Suzanne Anthony, Jennifer M. Duley, Stephen Patton

- One day a week was dedicated to complete assigned SWAT outcome measures for appropriate SCI patients.
- Tracking form was developed to document outcome scores for each patient.
- This process resulted in consistent and • efficient documentation and collection of data
- Team members are better informed of patients' mobility status.
- PTs can track progress and analyze • outcome measures based on available data.



A new framework for weekly gait and balance testing in an Inpatient SCI Rehabilitation Program: Optimizing physiotherapy resources, use of outcome measures and documentation

Diana L. Herrington (PT), Leanne Michelle Read (PT), Anastasia Stojakovic (OTA/PTA), Jacklyn D. Penner (OTA/PTA), Suzanne Anthony (OTA/PTA), Jennifer M. Duley (PT), Stephen Patton (Clinical Manager) Background

- nplementing best practice guidelines dresearch related to standing and alking was prioritized by hysiotherapists in the Inpatient SCI ehabilitation Program
- Two major challenges were identified is barriers to efficient data collection Difficulty with consistently identifying when patients met functional hresholds that required additional sments to be completed ficient plan in place to en letion of additional evalua

One morning per week was dedicat to having PTAs complete assigned SWAT outcome measures for appropriate SCI patients, as identifie by the PTs.

A SWAT tracking form was dev ocument all outcome r res for each patient.

Dedicating a weekly time and the development and use of a new SWAT tracking form for gait and balance outcome measurement has improved efficiency and consistency with documentation and data collection for Praxis, the SCI Consortium and patient discharge reports.



- Team members are better informed regarding each patient's mobility sta
- Patients report benefits from seeing their progress tracked in a tangible way and are eager to improve weekly scores as they work to achieve their functional goals.
- data is more consistent and effi
- PTAs report improved engagement and job satisfaction within their role.
- PTs have more outcome measure data available to analyze and track progress.
- PTs are now less likely to miss functional thresholds that would require additional outcomes to be measured. SWAT Tracking Form

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AWARD RECIPIENTS:

EVOLUTION OF A SPINAL CORD INJURY IMPLEMENTATION & EVALUATION QUALITY CARE CONSORTIUM DATA STRATEGY:

It's more than just the numbers .

Award Recipient - Health Services, Economics and Policy Change Submission

Presenters & Abstract Authors:

Farnoosh Farahani, Mohammadreza Amiri, Seyed Mohammad Alavinia, B. Catherine Craven

In this session, the evaluation team described the development of a data strategy for the SCI IEQCC. The data strategy involved the following components;

- Utilization of current national and provincial datasets
- Adherence to privacy and legal requirements
- Development and execution of agreements DSA, Confidentiality agreements and confidential disclosure agreement
- Acquisition of quality improvement approvals
- Validation of privacy and security standards
- Creation of Data collection tools
- Development of data collection spreadsheets
- Development of staff training and support curriculum
- Development of indicator analysis plan
- Exploring data visualization strategies
- Reporting: practice evaluation
- Reporting: data quality
- Next steps: utilization of interactive dashboard tools

TOWARDS A BETTER APPROACH TO PERSONALIZED SELF-MANAGEMENT:

Adapting the health education impact questionnaire to measure self-management skill acquisition among adults with spinal cord injury or disease.

Award Recipient - Clinical/Best Practice Application Submission

Presenters & Abstract Authors:

Gaya Jeyathevan, Susan B. Jaglal, Sander L. Hitzig, Gary Linassi, Sandra Mills, Vanessa K. Noonan, Karen Anzai, Teren Clarke, Dalton Wolfe, Mary Bayley, Lubna Aslam, Farnoosh Farahani, S. Mohammad Alavinia, Maryam Omidvar, B. Catharine Craven

In this study, the team identified the following challenges;

- No gold standard of what constitutes selfmanagement in SCI/D.
- Inconsistent practices across tertiary rehab hospitals suggesting lack of equity in national care for SCI/D.

The research team identified, appraised and adapted a single quality of care outcome indicator used to assess self-management skills among adults with SCI/D prior to rehabilitation discharge and 18 months post-rehabilitation admission. The goal was to promote selfmanagement so the individuals with SCI/D can manage their health and daily activities toward successful community integration.



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AWARD RECIPIENTS:

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION PROGRAM IN INPATIENT SPINAL CORD INJURY SETTING

Award - Clinical/Best Practice Application Submission

Presenters & Abstract Authors: Sussan Askari, Rachel Holthof, Maciej Zaborowski, Heather Brown

- Loneliness, depression and anxiety are on the rise
- Prevalence of depression and anxiety is approximately 30% in individuals with SCI/D
- EWB is recognized as one of the six domains of care by SCI IEQCC
- Wellbeing is a skill which consists of awareness, connection, insight and purpose.
- Mindfulness is defined as the awareness that arise from paying attention on purpose
- The program runs once a week in 4 consecutive weeks and each session lasts for 60 mins

WOUND ROUNDS: A HANDS-ON INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM APPROACH TO TISSUE INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT IN INPATIENT SCI REHAB

Award - Clinical/Best Practice Application Submission

Presenters & Abstract Authors:

Leanne Michelle Read, Diana L. Herrington, Alison R. Smith, Dorinda M. Taylor, Stephanie L. Lemke, Shannon K. O'Dwyer.

- The purpose of the rounds is to decrease the incidence of wounds, improve outcomes related to wound healing and to create a custom form that would fulfill documentation and SCI database collection requirements.
- The team uses an interdisciplinary approach that addresses all aspects of wound management at a single time point.
- An education program for proper skin checks was developed
- Practice improvement included taking quality photos – the team uses a tablet specific for taking pictures of PI.
- The team identified that some patients are interested in seeing the wound while others are not interested in seeing the wound.



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2021 SCI IEQC Consortium Publications The Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine Volume 44, 2021 - Issue sup1



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