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Standardized Reporting Guidelines Initiative for Rehabilitation & Disability Research: An Opportunity

By Leighton Chan, MD, MPH
and Allen W. Heinemann, PhD, ABPP

As co-editors in chief of Archives of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, we have invited our peers in rehabilitation medicine and related journals to participate in an exciting new initiative to improve the quality of rehabilitation and disability research. To date, we have received overwhelmingly positive responses from the journals we have approached, many of which have enthusiastically signed on yet we still hope to gain additional partners. Our goal is to have the participation of as many rehabilitation journals as possible.

What is our initiative? We have noticed that, while there has been a nice increase in the volume of rehabilitation and disability research, the quality of submissions is not always what it could be. One solution is to require authors to adhere to standardized reporting guidelines during the submissions process. Reporting guidelines assist authors to report research methods and findings in a systematic manner. They are typically presented as checklists or flow diagrams that lay out the core reporting criteria required to give a clear account of a study's methods and results. The intent is not just that authors complete a specific reporting checklist, but that they ensure their manuscripts contain key elements.

There are reporting guidelines for nearly every type of research paper, from structured reviews to randomized trials; they are available through the Equator Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of medical research. Use of these guidelines can help authors report methods and results appropriately and will certainly help in the review process. In addition, as rehabilitation researchers become more familiar with the guideline requirements, they will begin to design their studies accordingly. Reporting guidelines should be seen not as an administrative burden, but rather a template by which an author can construct their papers more completely.

We will announce this initiative in March, publishing an editorial in Archives. We asked our journal colleagues to agree to publish this editorial in their respective journals if they were interested in participating. Soon thereafter, they will need to make changes to their INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS, mandating the use of reporting guidelines. Implementation of the reporting guidelines should be in place by January 2015. 🌸



Leighton Chan, MD, MPH



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We are excited about the upcoming ACRM Annual Conference in Toronto from 7 – 11 October. We are especially thrilled to be partnering with rehabilitation experts in Toronto and the surrounding area, including Toronto Rehabilitation, Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation, and stroke and spinal cord injury groups of Ontario. Our program committee is already hard at work developing a program of outstanding content for both rehabilitation researchers and

clinicians. I urge you to submit your research and clinical findings as a symposium, scientific paper, or poster.

We have added some new areas of concentration for Toronto, including a heavier focus on neuroscience, cancer rehabilitation, neurodegenerative disorders, pediatrics and pain. In addition, there are many topics planned which cut across multiple diagnostic groups to pique your interest. We plan to also include sessions for "Late Breaking News" and "CARF Updates." Other topics include health disparities, healthy lifestyles in disability, and evidence informing healthcare policy.

Would you like to help make ACRM an even better organization with greater member benefits? Here's how. First, ask your employer to become an ACRM Institutional Member. It's an affordable way to expose more of your team to the outstanding programming, networking, and training opportunities ACRM offers. At the same time, by affiliating with ACRM, your organization gains amazing opportunities to increase the visibility of their brand among a vast rehabilitation community.

Tap into the worldwide outreach of ACRM media channels, including the journal, Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, web-based advertising, and the e-News and Rehabilitation Outlook newsletters. So let's get your institution on board with an Institutional Member package to meet your specific needs. Contact Jenny Richard, Director of Member Services & Community Relations at jrichard@ACRM.org.

Second, the Annual Conference Expo is growing by leaps and bounds. You can help that growth continue by referring potential exhibitors to ACRM. What company representatives

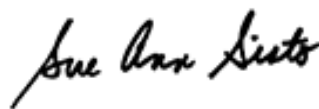
do you know who can impact the field of rehabilitation? Think about drug or equipment companies, or institutions or companies trying to recruit rehabilitation professionals. Let us know – I'm sure it is on the tip of your tongue. Simply send the name of the company and a contact to Jenny Richard, Director of Member Services & Community Relations at jrichard@ACRM.org.

ACRM is made up of many member volunteers who are driving amazing rehabilitation research tasks forward. I urge you to get involved in the Brain Injury, Stroke or Spinal Cord Injury ISIGs if you work in these specialties, and the International Networking Group, particularly if you work with rehabilitation scientists and clinicians outside the USA.

If you work with neurodegenerative diseases in rehabilitation or in research, this networking group is really gaining momentum and welcomes new members. If you are interested in funding for rehabilitation practice or research, or know leaders in these areas, the Health Policy Networking Group could use your support.

New cross-cutting groups that are not diagnosis-specific include Pain Rehabilitation, Military and Veterans Affairs, Geriatrics Rehabilitation, Pediatric Rehabilitation and Cancer Rehabilitation. They are each led by great new energetic leaders who would welcome your involvement. If you are early in your career clinically or in rehabilitation research, the Early Career Networking Group is well formulated and offers great content to assist in your development.

Finally, if you are early career and a seasoned physician, we are initiating a group to meet your rehabilitation research and practice needs within ACRM. If you are a physician wishing to get more involved in ACRM, contact ACRM President, Sue Ann Sisto, PhD, FACRM at sue.sisto@stonybrook.edu. Please see page 11 for a complete list of ACRM groups and contacts.



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NOMINATIONS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING ACRM AWARDS:

THE DEBORAH L. WILKERSON EARLY CAREER AWARD recognizes an ACRM member who is making a significant contribution to rehabilitation research during their early career. Eligible nominees are within five years of completing their training and are the senior authors on at least one of the papers submitted as part of the application. Self-nominations are acceptable. This memorial award is named for Deborah L. Wilkerson, former ACRM president and fellow, who was devoted to improving the quality of rehabilitation and independent living services, and served as a powerful advocate for individuals with disabilities. FOR FULL DETAILS VISIT www.ACRM.org/about/awards.

THE EDWARD LOWMAN AWARD is given to a member whose career reflects an energetic promotion of the spirit of interdisciplinary rehabilitation. It was established in 1989 in honor of Edward Lowman, MD, who recognized the importance of multidisciplinary teams in rehabilitation. FOR FULL DETAILS VISIT www.ACRM.org/about/awards.

THE MITCHELL ROSENTHAL MID-CAREER AWARD recognizes clinician-scientists who are 6 – 15 years past completion of their training and working in the spirit of Dr. Rosenthal in the field of brain injury rehabilitation. Award recipients are ACRM members who are leaders in rehabilitation science making significant contributions to the field through their current brain injury rehabilitation research. Self-nominations are acceptable. FOR FULL DETAILS VISIT www.ACRM.org/about/awards.

THE DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD honors an ACRM member for their extraordinary service to the development and functioning of ACRM. Qualified nominees have demonstrated leadership and organizational abilities as a member or chair of an ACRM committee, task force, interdisciplinary special interest group, or networking group. FOR FULL DETAILS VISIT www.ACRM.org/about/awards.

ACRM Awards nominations are due 28 March 2014. Submit nominations to Terri Compos, ACRM Community Relations Manager, at TCompos@ACRM.org.

2013 ACRM Gold Key Award Winner
Ralph Nitkin, PhD



Foundation for PM&R Seeks Nominations for Board Seat

The Foundation for PM&R is currently seeking nominations for At Large seats on their board of directors. Candidates may be physicians or non-physicians who are interested in advancing the field of psychiatry and medical rehabilitation through philanthropic giving. Elections will be held in May. The three-year term

of office will commence on 1 November 2014. **Letters of nomination should be received by the Foundation by Tuesday, 1 April 2014.**

Nominations may be submitted via e-mail at panderson@foundationforpmr.org, fax: +1.847.737.6063 or mail delivered

to the Foundation for PM&R, 9700 W. Bryn Mawr Ave, Suite 200, Rosemont, IL 60018. Any questions may be directed to Phylliss J. Anderson, MA, Executive Director, at +1.847.737.6062. 🌸

Research Grant Money Available

The Foundation for PM&R Spring research grant applications are now available at www.foundationforpmr.org/research-grants/.

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Two or three awards of \$10,000 each to a resident or researcher less than five years out of residency.

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GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1 MAY 2014

Criteria and all application materials can be found at www.foundationforpmr.org/research-grants/. Additional questions can be directed to panderson@foundationforpmr.org, or 847.737.6062.

NIDRR Applications for New Awards for 2014 Now Available

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) — Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, and Field Initiated Projects Program invite applications for new awards for fiscal year 2014.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND THE DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS IS 28 FEBRUARY 2014.

The purpose of the Field Initiated (FI) Projects program is to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities.

Another purpose of the program is to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

NIDRR makes two types of awards under the FI Projects program: Research grants (CFDA 84.133G-1) and development grants (CFDA 84.133G-2).

Full details are available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-12-30/pdf/2013-31279.pdf>.

Call for Nominations: 2014 Robert L. Moody Prize

The UTMB School of Health Professionals and the Transitional Learning Center of Galveston are now accepting nominations for the Robert L. Moody Prize.

The purpose of the prize is to recognize and honor individuals or groups whose efforts have made significant contributions to:

- the advancement of clinical research related to acquired brain injury
- the development of improved treatment and rehabilitation procedures for persons with acquired brain disorders

- increasing awareness of the need for rehabilitation following brain injury.

The award consists of a commemorative keepsake and an honorarium of \$10,000. The award will be presented at the annual Galveston Brain Injury Conference in May 2014.

NOMINATION FORMS AND ENDORSEMENTS ARE DUE ON 1 MARCH 2014.

Information regarding the Prize and nomination process is available at <http://shp.utmb.edu/Scholarships/MoodyPrize/>.



www.eLearnSCI.org: International Access to SCI Educational Resources

BY SUSAN CHARLIFUE, PHD, FACRM

One of the goals of the ACRM International Networking Group is to provide ACRM members with information about significant global initiatives that foster interdisciplinary collaboration. The www.eLearnSCI.org is a prime example of such an initiative.

www.eLearnSCI.org grew out of a long-recognized need by the International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) to have basic, accurate educational resources available to all individuals involved in the treatment and management of spinal cord injuries. Therefore, in 2009 a concept to develop this web-based educational tool was introduced to the Education Committee. Led by Dr. Harvinder Chhabra at the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre in Delhi, the project was brought to fruition.

It was recognized from the outset that, particularly in low income countries, there is limited access to educational resources relating to SCI. The purpose of www.eLearnSCI.org is to fulfill a need to disseminate information about comprehensive management of SCI and to increase understanding, skills and knowledge about the management of SCI through an online platform relevant to students and clinicians from all disciplines.

Because a global need requires a global effort, Dr. Chhabra gathered the support of 332 experts from all clinical and research disciplines from ISCoS and affiliated societies, representing 36 countries, to develop the content of this exciting new venture. These individuals formed 28 subcommittees that worked on various modules of the project.

The seven modules of www.eLearnSCI.org address the educational information for:

1. The whole acute/rehabilitation team (overview)
2. Doctors
3. Nurses
4. Occupational therapists and assistive technologists
5. Physiotherapists
6. Psychologists, social workers and peer counselors
7. Prevention

Within each module are several submodules that focus on specific, detailed information. For example, in the module for physiotherapists, examples of the 14 submodules are:

- Setting goals
- Bed mobility and transfers
- Contractures – assessing and treating
- Pain – assessing and treating

An editorial committee of 23 experts reviewed the content and made modifications as needed. Feedback from 200 professionals in SCI treatment and management also provided information that was included in the final editing of this resource.

Key features of www.eLearnSCI.org include the following:

- The content is based on evidence and the latest research, thus providing the most up-to-date knowledge.
- The information is relevant to students as well as junior and experienced healthcare professionals.
- Access to this resource is free for all.
- The information is appropriate for those from high and low resource countries and for people from varying social, cultural and economic backgrounds with content that reflects the realities of providing healthcare in both high and low resource settings.
- The content has been written in simple English with heavy reliance on illustrations and videos for those users for whom English is not their first language.
- SCI consumers were involved in the compilation of the modules and submodules. In addition, consumers were represented on the Editorial Committee ensuring their perspectives were appropriately reflected in all content.
- The content sits on a website underpinned by a sophisticated content management system which enables ISCoS administrators to change and update content without IT support, thus saving costs.

A continuous evaluation process ensures that www.eLearnSCI.org remains accurate, that the website is performing appropriately, and that errors can be quickly identified and corrected. Each individual accessing www.eLearnSCI.org has an opportunity to provide feedback at any time.

All are invited to look at www.eLearnSCI.org and help improve the content and usability. The development team welcomes your suggestions! 🌸

MEET THE ACRM BOARD

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LANCE E. TREXLER, PHD, HSPP, FACRM
EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER
CHAIR OF THE BRAIN INJURY INTERDISCIPLINARY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (BI-ISIG)

Dr. Trexler is director of the Department of Rehabilitation Neuropsychology at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana, adjunct clinical assistant professor of PM&R at the Indiana University School of Medicine, adjunct assistant professor of Speech and Hearing Sciences at Indiana University, and adjunct assistant professor of Psychological Sciences at Purdue University. He is also past-chair of the Indiana Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Board of Directors and past-chair of the Indiana Brain Injury Association of Indiana.

Dr. Trexler has published more than 30 book chapters and peer-reviewed articles and given more than 100 peer-reviewed and invited presentations at professional conferences throughout North America and Europe. Dr. Trexler also continues to provide neuropsychological assessment and rehabilitation services at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana.

At ACRM, Dr. Trexler chairs the Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (BI-ISIG). He is the managing editor of the *Cognitive Rehabilitation Manual: Translating Evidence-Based Recommendations into Practice* published by ACRM in 2012. Dr. Trexler also chairs the Cognitive Rehabilitation Committee which provides oversight for the national and international workshops for practicing clinicians and the Manual on which the workshops are based. ACRM honored him with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011 and he became a Fellow of ACRM in 2013.

Dr. Trexler's current research and program development are focused on resource facilitation to improve return to work and school following brain injury. Dr. Trexler and collaborators have studied the effects of resource facilitation on return to work in context of a larger private and public sector community and social network that serve to eliminate barriers and prevent co-morbidities that are deleterious to vocational outcome.

To that end, the Indiana Resource Facilitation Program currently provides resource facilitation services throughout much of Indiana and will provide services throughout all of Indiana beginning in 2014. The Indiana Brain Injury Leadership Board oversees the programmatic and organizational delivery of resource facilitation services. Dr. Trexler co-chairs this board with a representative of the Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services. 🌸



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Be sure to specify the position of ACRM Member-at-Large in your nomination. Self-nominations are permissible.



NEWS FROM THE NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES NETWORKING GROUP

The newly formed Neurodegenerative Diseases Networking Group (NDD NG) enjoyed their first ACRM annual conference in November. Excellent programming was offered by a number of presenters. The session on “Integrating Physical Wellness Approaches into the Lives of People with Neurodegenerative Diseases” had excellent attendance. Lisa Muratori, PT, EdD and Deborah Backus, PT, PhD moderated the session, with presenters Becky Farley, PhD, MS, PT; Eduard Gappmaier, PT, PhD; and Vanina Dal Bello-Haas, PM, presenting emerging evidence suggesting that people with neurodegenerative diseases, such as Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis can benefit from participation in exercise interventions to improve health and wellbeing, as well as to manage the signs and symptoms of these NDD. The popular saying of the day was that “Exercise is Medicine” for people with neurodegenerative diseases, and there are several people doing the work to provide the evidence to support this statement.

Joanne Wagner, PT, PhD, Robert Godsall, PhD, Jacob Sosnoff, PhD, and Robin Howard, PT, DPT, NCS joined forces to present a symposium on “Cognitive Impairment in People with MS: Evaluation and Impact on Balance and Mobility.” They discussed how approximately 50 percent of all people with MS will develop problems with cognition and how understanding cognitive dysfunction in people with MS and having strategies to assess and address this dysfunction during rehabilitation, may improve the rehabilitation process and outcomes for people with MS.

An international flare and focus was added by the symposium “The Dutch ParkinsonNet: Promoting International Neuro-Rehabilitation Research collaboration.” Mark A. Hirsch, PhD, presented the Dutch ParkinsonNet, which has trained over 2000 healthcare professionals in the Netherlands. Dr. Hirsch discussed the RCTs and scientific studies conducted on the efficacy of the Dutch ParkinsonNet to promote international research collaboration, foster opportunities for international exchange and promotion of evidence-based best practices in Parkinson’s disease neurorehabilitation.

Dr. Hirsch reports that the key outcomes from the Dutch ParkinsonNet include: (1) distribution of the Royal Dutch evidence-based guidelines on physiotherapy (Keus et al., 2004) and best-practices exercise prescription for PD. Workshop participation to improve expertise in PD care, (2) streamlining the referral process, and (3) improve transparency, (4) continuous education to improve expertise, collaboration, and communication.

The Neurodegenerative Diseases Networking Group expects to have even more excellent programming at the annual conference this year in Toronto.

Please consider submitting your abstracts for scientific papers and posters, and share the research and clinical care you are doing to improve the lives of people with NDD. 🌸

Get Involved! Join the Neurodegenerative Diseases Networking Group

BY DEBBIE BACKUS, PT, PHD
CHAIR OF THE
NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES
NETWORKING GROUP



The newly formed Neurodegenerative Diseases Networking Group (NDD-NG) is off to a strong start and invites you to become a part of the great things yet to come.

The goal of the networking group is to address the needs of people with multiple sclerosis (MS), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and Parkinson’s disease (PD) by facilitating evidence-based practice for improved health, wellness and quality of life, and promoting innovative research to identify ways in which these individuals can best be served through physical medicine and rehabilitation.

ACRM affords this interdisciplinary, cross diagnostic group the unique opportunity to merge rehabilitation research and translation with clinical practice to better drive policy related to rehab research and clinical care to help people with NDD get what they need to live full, productive and quality lives for as long as possible.

Goals for 2014 include developing products to meet the needs of individuals associated with NDD, including rehabilitation researchers, providers, people with NDD, and payers. These products will include videos and webinars for clinicians, programming for managers who can influence program development for people with NDD, and education pages that can be used to improve the care of people with NDD. We seek other individuals with ideas for meaningful products, and especially those who are willing to help develop them.

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WANT TO FIND COLLEAGUES PARTICIPATING IN THE PAIN REHABILITATION NETWORKING GROUP? Click on the INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORY in the left navigation menu. Scroll down and select "Pain Rehabilitation Networking Group," then click SEARCH. The search return will include all members who identified their interest in pain rehabilitation in their member profile.

You can also search for members by organization name, country, city, credentials, etc. The networking possibilities are endless!

To ensure that colleagues who share your interests can find you, login to the member portal and click on **MY INFORMATION** in the left navigation menu to review and update your member profile. Be sure to select all ACRM community groups with which you affiliate, update your credentials and job title, if they have recently changed, and check that your email address and phone number are current.

PERSONALIZE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE WITH A PHOTO! Simply email a headshot to Sarah Barrah, Database Administrator at SBarrah@ACRM.org. Please keep files under 100 KB. Once an image is initially uploaded to your profile, you can change it at any time.

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The heart of ACRM is its interdisciplinary special interest groups (ISIGs) and networking groups (NG). These groups develop educational content, fund scholarships, develop clinical guidelines, write position papers, and support the goals of ACRM. Being involved in ACRM community groups is a great way to meet a mentor, engage and collaborate with interdisciplinary peers, and gain leadership experience.

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CHAIR: Phil Morse, PhD, FACRM
CHAIR-ELECT: Stephen Page, PhD

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<http://www.acrm.org/acrm-communities/musculoskeletal-pain>
CO-CHAIR: Lorraine Riche, BMR, PT, DipMDT, MP
CO-CHAIR: Virgil Wittmer, PhD

ACRM now supports 13 ISIGs and NGs. Membership in any or all groups is included in your annual ACRM dues. Click on the links below to learn more about the work and leadership of each group, then contact the chairs of the groups in which you wish to participate. 🌸

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<http://www.acrm.org/acrm-communities/cancer>
CO-CHAIR: Julie Silver, MD
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Outcomes Measurement Networking Group Plans Priority Topics

The ACRM Outcomes Measurement Networking Group (OMNG) has been a collaborative effort of researchers, academicians and clinicians since 2008. During that time, measuring patient outcomes has evolved, both in terms of the basic science and in terms of the administrative and policy implications facing organizations. With these changes in mind, OMNG Chair, Dr. Allen Heinemann, has initiated a shift in the group's focus to address issues facing healthcare providers.

At the 2013 ACRM Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida the OMNG convened to chart a new course for the group. As part of the evolution of the OMNG, members suggested the formation of four task forces:

INSTRUMENT APPLICATIONS TASK FORCE

(including G-Codes and Quality Metrics)

CHAIR: Linda Resnik, Linda_Resnik@brown.edu

The group will seek to understand how outcome measures affect administrative decision making and explore policy implications. Group members voiced support for understanding how G-Codes are derived and applied, as well as issues surrounding the measurement of care quality.

MODERATORS OF OUTCOME MEASUREMENT TASK FORCE

(Individual difference including gender, race, and ethnicity)

CHAIR: TBD

During the discussion, several members voiced concern regarding the paucity of research investigating factors that may adversely impact the validity of outcome measures. This group will address how individual differences affect the reporting, collection, and interpretation of outcome measures.

COGNITION TASK FORCE

CHAIR: Patricia Heyn, Patricia.Heyn@ucdenver.edu

The Cognition Committee will seek to better understand how cognitive factors impact outcomes data. The committee will address issues including the role of patient cognitive capacity, proxy reporting of outcomes, and assess the validity of measures designed to evaluate these factors.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

CHAIR: Susan Magasi, smagasi@uic.edu

Enhancing the psychometric competence of clinicians while advancing it for generations of clinicians to come was an area of concern for many attending the OMNG. The curriculum development group will work towards creating educational content designed to empower students, clinicians, and researchers to assess patient outcomes during all phases of rehabilitation.

The OMNG group also seeks people who are willing to lend their time, expertise, and leadership to help the group further its mission. If you are interested in participating in an OMNG task force, or would like to take a leadership position within the group, please complete a brief survey available at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OMNG_ACRM. Questions about the OMNG can be sent to Dr. Allen Heinemann at a-heinemann@northwestern.edu.



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