

STAKEHOLDER UPDATE – APRIL 2020

COVID-19

The SWAHN office continues to operate virtually at this time. All meetings are taking place via telephone and videoconference until further notice. If you have any questions or you would like to share information, please contact Catherine Joyes at Catherine.joyes@schulich.uwo.ca



CanCOVID

If you or any of your organization's researchers are engaged in COVID-19 research, please consider connecting to the newly established CanCOVID network. This is a national network of Canadian COVID-19 researchers, clinical collaborators, and healthcare stakeholders. It is designed to promote collaboration, coordination, and communication to

facilitate research. The network is interprofessional and interdisciplinary in nature and operates using *Slack*, an easy-to-use, online messaging platform that organizes real-time group discussion into team-specific and topic-specific channels. Ultimately CanCOVID's mission is to enable the agile, evidence-based decision-making needed to help steer Canada safely through the COVID-19 pandemic.

CanCOVID is accepting registrations from recognized experts in the COVID-19 research and response community, including the following areas:

- Diagnostics
- Vaccines & Therapeutics
- Modelling
- Fundamental Science
- Clinical trials
- Cohort studies
- Social & behavioural sciences
- Healthcare
- Policy decision-making
- Indigenous knowledge
- Medical devices
- Patient perspectives
- Community health

NOTE: The CanCOVID network membership is **by invitation**. To be considered a recognized expert, you must have a **professional affiliation** with a university, hospital, clinic, government office, non-profit association or business. All prospective members will be vetted, including verifying email addresses and professional affiliations.

Please see the press releases for more information: [English](#) and [French](#) and go to the [CanCOVID website](#) to register.

2020 SWAHN CONFERENCE

Our fall conference is currently scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020. We are looking into the possibility of planning a virtual conference this year. More details will be provided in the coming months.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (IPE) DAY

The Planning Committee for IPE Day 2020 is scheduled to meet in June to debrief this year's event and to begin to discuss plans for the future. Before and after the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, leads from a few participating programs approached SWAHN to inquire about increasing the number of their students at future events. Other program leads with no previous engagement in IPE Day also reached out to express an interest in having their students join the next event. These requests, if accommodated, would increase the student cohort in London by 50% to 1,200. While this interest is a wonderful testament to the Planning Committee's efforts, given the current social distancing restrictions associated with COVID-

19, it is too soon to confirm what the 2021 event will look like. More details will be provided in the coming months.

PALLIATIVE CARE

SWAHN palliative care curriculum research – All data from SWAHN's Palliative Care Project Team study has now been collected related to entry-to-practice education and training for nursing and practical nursing programs in the SWAHN region. The programs in this study include those at Fanshawe College, Lambton College, St. Clair College, Western University, and the University of Windsor. Data analysis of the alumni survey responses as well as transcripts from faculty focus groups is currently in progress. A Project Team meeting to discuss the results and next steps has been scheduled for June.

CHOOSING WISELY

Implementation of a Multi-Faceted Opioid Reduction Strategy for Southwestern Ontario: A Pragmatic Stepped Wedge Cluster Randomized Trial – This project is currently on hold as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NUTRITION

Perioperative Malnutrition and Frailty in Older Adults Undergoing Elective Surgery – A retrospective study. – The team is awaiting the status of a funding proposal that was submitted in early March 2020 for its retrospective study. There are no other updates to provide with respect to the Project Team at this time.

FINAL THOUGHTS

www.swahn.ca – Is your organization involved with SWAHN? If so, is the SWAHN logo and website address currently featured on your organization's website? Help us build awareness of our work together!

www.swahn.ca/event – Don't forget to post your organization's events on SWAHN's events page. The Healthline.ca vets all submissions for inclusion on the SWAHN website and posting to its regional Healthline sites across the region. Please contact [Catherine Joyes](#) for more information.



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CONTACT US – Please contact us for more information, to share ideas, or to learn about how you may participate in SWAHN's work!

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