

Webinar announcement!



A Rising Tide: New Integrated Knowledge Translation Guiding Principles for Conducting and Disseminating Spinal Cord Injury Research in Partnership

In this webinar, our panel of SCI researchers, research users, and funders will introduce and discuss the co-development of the new Integrated Knowledge Translation (IKT) Guiding Principles for Conducting and Disseminating Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Research in Partnership. We will outline our efforts to support the use of the principles and discuss the potential of the principles to combat tokenism and improve the relevance and impact of SCI research.

The eight principles are designed to help SCI researchers and research users engage more meaningfully in research that is relevant, useful, and/or useable. The principles represent the first rigorously co-developed, consensus-based guidance to support meaningful SCI partnerships.

The principles were co-developed by a multidisciplinary group of SCI researchers, clinicians, people with SCI, representatives from SCI community organizations, and funding agencies and are published in [Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation](#).

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Visit the IKT Guiding Principles website for more information and to download the principles: www.iktprinciples.com

Panelists & Moderator



Dr. Chris McBride is the Executive Director of Spinal Cord Injury BC and has over 25 years experience as a spinal cord injury researcher, research centre executive, volunteer, and now community service leader in the spinal cord injury sector. Before arriving at SCI BC ten years ago, he served as managing director of ICORD, a world-leading spinal cord injury research centre at UBC and Vancouver Coastal Health, and as managing director at the Rick Hansen Institute (now the Praxis Spinal Cord Institute). Chris is and has been a community partner on many IKT-based research projects and has been a frequently invited speaker and writer on his perspectives on how to engage community partners in academic research.



With over 25 years of lived experience of spinal cord injury (SCI) since being paralyzed, **John Chernesky** has participated in dozens of research studies in addition to be a co-investigator on a number of research projects. He works closely with individuals with lived experience of SCI, including people living with SCI, their family and friends, consumer-focused community organizations and advocacy groups, to ensure research is addressing their priorities. His strong connection to the local SCI community as well as an international network of people living with SCI brings local, national and international consumer perspective to the SCI research field. He is recognized as a leader in engagement and integrated knowledge translation and has advised funding agencies (including CIHR, NIH, PCORI and MSFHR) on their engagement policies and has presented on these subjects to researchers, clinicians and consumers around the world.



Gayle Scarrow is the Director, Knowledge Translation at the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR). She leads the development, implementation, evaluation and ongoing management of MSFHR's knowledge translation plan for the purpose of fostering and accelerating the impact of health research in BC and beyond. Her work as a knowledge user on research grants - like the development of the IKT guiding principles - both contributes to the academic KT literature and to informing MSFHR's KT work.



Dr. Heather Gainforth is an Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia Okanagan in Kelowna, BC, Canada, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar and an International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries Principal Investigator. Her academic training in Knowledge Translation, Behavioural Science, and Implementation Science has fostered her belief research is not complete until it has real world impact. Her systems-based research is grounded in behaviour change theory and techniques and is guided by strong collaborations between researchers and research users.



Dr. Kathleen Martin Ginis is a Professor of Health and Exercise Psychology at the University of British Columbia Okanagan's School of Health and Exercise Sciences. Her research program focuses on understanding and changing physical activity behaviour among both the general population and people with physical disabilities. Her research addresses the psychosocial mechanisms and consequences of physical activity behaviour change and she frequently collaborates with multi-disciplinary teams to study a vast range of health-related outcomes associated with physical activity participation (e.g., weight loss, cardiovascular disease risk, pain). Dr. Martin Ginis has a profound commitment to knowledge translation; she is internationally recognized as an innovator and leader in the development and implementation of evidence-based best-practices to advance physical activity participation among persons with disabilities.

