

Model of Care Research Project for ACPAC Program Fellowship Recipients

Description of Project

A select group of ACPAC 2018-2019 trainees have been awarded fellowship funding to support their training in the ACPAC Program. As part of the criteria to receive this funding, participation in a small research/model of care evaluation project across the training period is required. This represents a broader and deeper investigation/analysis that is part of the expectations already described in the Self-Directed Learning/Personal Learning Portfolio to be issued on October 22, 2018 and posted during Week 1 on www.acpacprogram.ca under **Component B: Development of New Models of Care**. This is a part of the Leadership, Advocacy and Health Promotion component of the ACPAC Program.

For the baseline (October) and end of program (June), you have been asked to identify the existing model of care and how you propose to change it, during and following your ACPAC Program training, for the management of people living with arthritis in your home institution/practice setting.

Some suggested topics include:

- Goals and mechanisms to achieve these changes within the context of your clinical practice setting (be specific eg. private practice, community setting etc.).
- Implementation measures and check points including stakeholder involvement and inter-professional relations, autonomy, barriers/enhancers, job description, title, nature/complexity of patients seen, scope of practice and use of medical directives.
- Appraisal of current system of access to care for patients with MSK dysfunction/arthritis and how you would improve this if required; measurement and evaluation of impact.
- How to advocate for change for the patient, other arthritis care professionals including ACPAC Program trained ERPs, and for yourself within the context of your own profession.

If you have further ideas, please share them with the ACPAC Program Directors. The most important component is to address how you as an ACPAC program trained extended role practitioner will impact delivery of arthritis care within the context of your clinical practice setting. Throughout the ACPAC program curriculum, we endeavour to expose you to existing frameworks or models of arthritis care and anticipate that you utilize both these sessions and their corresponding faculty as reference points.

Timelines for Deliverables

January 7, 2019: One-Two Page Framework Due. Please submit electronically to Dr. Katie Lundon at katie.lundon@utoronto.ca. You will receive the first installment of your fellowship following approval of this submission.

June 7, 2019: Scholarly Paper/Manuscript: approx. 2500-3000 words. Please submit in hard copy to Katie Lundon. You will present a synopsis of this to the class for interactive discussion that afternoon.

Manuscript Format and Guidelines

Title: All titles are to be fewer than 20 words.

Abstract: Original Research, reviews and innovations should be summarized in a structured abstract of not more than 250 words. The structured abstract should include four components: 1) Introduction, including the problem statement and purpose, 2) Statement of methods, describing how data/information were collected and managed, 3) Synopsis of results, and 4) Brief Discussion of the findings, including implications for practice.

Key Words: Submit 3-8 key words or phrases that identify the most important subjects covered by the manuscript.

Body of Paper: Includes introduction and background with rationale, goals and objectives; methods or approach as appropriate; results/analysis; discussion and conclusions. Tables, Figures are to be appended if indicated. References as appropriate in AMA format.

Lessons for Practice: Please include a single sentence summary placed at the end of the main document and should not exceed a total of 100 words.