Conquering the Hurt: Risk and Resilience
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**Words from the Pain Centre Co-Directors**

We have been receiving astounding feedback from some of our 300+ attendees from across the world on how exceptional our Patients-Included, virtual Conference was. We were so fortunate to have such a remarkable line-up of speakers and variety of presentations on current and emerging themes in paediatric pain. From mental health & pain during COVID-19, pain in vulnerable populations, disparities in care; equity, diversity and inclusion, and predicting recovery and resilience: novel tools and innovative strategies, we covered a very wide range of topics that made it relevant and intriguing for the persons with lived experience of pain, healthcare professionals, researchers and policy makers in attendance.

This Conference was not meant to be a single event but to serve as a starting point for these important themes and issues to continue to be addressed.

Most sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Stinson and Dr. Fiona Campbell
Our Speakers

Keynotes
Dr. Ronni Cohn, President & CEO, SickKids
Dr. Tim Oberlander, Professor, UBC
Dr. Laura Simons, Associate Professor, Stanford

Rapid fire presentations
Dr. Hance Clarke, Medical Director, Toronto General Hospital
Dr. Marco Battaglia, Associate Chief, CAMH
Grace Alarcon-Isla, Person with lived experience
Lisa D'Alessandro, Clinical Nurse Specialist, SickKids

Breakout Sessions
Dr. Frank Symons, Associate Dean, Minnesota U
Dr. Lara Genik, Research Associate, Guelph U
Dr. Sarah Nelson, Psychologist, Boston Children's
Jaimie Beveridge, PhD student, UCalgary
Dr. Lauren Heathcote, Research Fellow, Stanford
Dr. Nicole Alberts, Associate Professor, Concordia

Panel Discussion
Dr. Katie Birnie, Assistant Scientific Director, SKIP
Dr. Samir Shaheen-Hussain, Emergency Physician, McGill
Lanre Tunji-Ajayi, President, Sickle Cell Awareness Ontario
Frank Gavin, Director, Child-BRIGHT
Dr. Lisa Isaac, Anesthesiologist, SickKids

Interactive Discussion
Dr. William Zempsky, Professor, Connecticut U
Brandon Parris, Person with lived experience

Opening/Closing Remarks
Dr. Lindsay Jibb, Assistant Professor, UofT
Dr. Melanie Noel, Associate Professor, UCalgary

Speakers from Canada, the US and UK
Attendees from across the World

Over 300+ registrants

Attendees from over 10 different Countries

13% Persons with lived experience of pain
46% Healthcare Professionals
34% Researchers & Trainees
7% Policy Makers & Administrative Professionals

Flags of countries represented:
- Canada
- Ireland
- Spain
- Ireland
- USA
- Australia
- Finland
- United Kingdom
- Sweden
- Norway
- England
Attendee Engagement

Percent of total attendees per time of day

- 9am - 1030am: 56%
- 1030am - 12pm: 63%
- 1pm - 230pm: 53%
- 230pm - 4:00pm: 43%
- 4pm - 5pm: 41%

When did attendees register for the Conference?

- July: 38
- August: 17
- September: 68
- October: 161
- November: 18

Attendees who were not able to attend the live event were able to access the post-conference presentation recordings

Engagement throughout Day

Most attendees were present for the morning and early afternoon sessions. The highest number of attendees for one presentation was 189. Some attendees left and came back to attend certain talks and others planned on watching the conference recordings later due to the different time zones.
77 new Twitter followers @SKPainCentre

Tweets from @SKPainCentre
Oct 19-Nov 3

41,300  1,438  334  164
Impressions  Likes  Re-tweets  Tweets

1,121  161  275
Profile Visits  Mentions  Link clicks

Top Tweet
"Thanks to everyone for an amazing day filled w/ learning and discovery.
Join us for our next Conquering the Hurt Conference in 2022..."

36  11
Likes  Re-tweets
Post-Conference Survey Responses (1/2)

**Breakdown of Survey Participants**

- Non-SickKids Staff: 10% of survey participants
- SickKids Staff: 12% of survey participants
- Person with lived experience of pain: 10% of survey participants
- PICH Trainee: 24% of survey participants
- PICH Faculty: 12% of survey participants
- Speaker: 8% of survey participants
- Planning Committee Member: 2% of survey participants
- SickKids Pain Centre Member: 1% of survey participants

**What Participants liked most about CTH**

- Virtual (24%)
- Interesting topics (54%)
- Breakout Sessions (12%)
- Learning about Research (10%)

93% of survey participants would recommend the Conference to a colleague

Participants preferred the Conference being virtual but missed in-person networking

**Participants Primary Learning Objectives**

- Learn more about Pain in Children (36%)
- Learn more about Mental Health and Pain during COVID (8%)
- Learn more about Pain in Vulnerable Populations (16%)
- Learn more about Disparities in Care, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (32%)
- Other (8%)

86% of survey participants accomplished their primary learning objective
What would you like to see changed or added?

- more input from a wider range of allied health care professionals (e.g., occupational therapists) and more persons with lived experience of pain
- More time allotted to the talks
- More breakout sessions versus plenaries

What topics should be considered in the future?

- Intergenerational trauma
- Acute pain post-surgery
- Working with Indigenous Children and their communities
- Pain in the context of advanced illness/end-of-life care
- Continued focus on patient engagement, pain in vulnerable populations and equity, diversity and inclusion
- Predictors of transitioning from acute to chronic pain
- Family impact of chronic pain
- Rural pain care

Other Comments

- "The conference organizers did a great job facilitating a smooth and engaging virtual conference experience."
- "The speakers were excellent and the topics were timely"
- "Great conference. Keep up the good work!"
- "Very successful virtual conference! Nothing to be changed or added. everything was awesome."
- "Really enjoyed the presentations. I was curious how it would go virtually but found it very effective and enjoyable."
- "Great conference! I found the content accessible for someone with lived experience."
- "The panels were fantastic! Very glad to have access to the talks via recordings after the conference"

All survey responses will be used to inform future Conquering the Hurt events
PICH Networking & Engagement

Paediatric Pain Trivia
On November 2nd, PICH faculty and trainers gathered to answer some fun live poll questions exploring exciting topics in paediatric pain with Maria Pavlova and Dr. Nynke van den Hoogen.

Although questions were mainly about best practices for paediatric pain management, participants also got to see what people were doing differently during COVID. Some people bought a pet as others started new exercise routines.

Harnessing Scholarly Strength - Data
- 4 Tri-Council grants supporting understanding of biological, psychosocial, social, clinical, and cultural mechanisms in healthy child and preterm infant pain.
- First ones out, last ones in for data collection.
  - Alternate data collectors, alternate methodology
  - Use the places. What would you change, resource ethic
- Process it, if you got it
- Worked with our software company to allow for remote access of computing analytics from our lab – spend money (smartly)!
  - Ensuring all our lab members have remote access and computing

Research Continuity in the Face of the Pandemic
Also on November 2nd, National Collaborator, Dr. Rebecca Pillai Riddell, in her role as Associate Vice-President, Research at York University, explored research continuity in the face of the pandemic; not just from the perspective of a researcher but a trainee, a parent and a human being!

Dr. Riddell explored meaningful questions with PICH faculty and trainees:
- What has changed?
- where do we go from here?
- What will we have to differently moving forward?

All participants who attended the PICH networking events would recommend them to a colleague and thought the topics were very interesting! However, future events should incorporate more breakout sessions where trainees and faculty can network and have time for more conversation.

PICH Rapid Fire Presentation Winners
PICH trainees submitted abstracts to participate in the CTH conference. Eight trainees were selected to present from the applications.

Trainees were given 3 minutes to present with 2 minutes for Q & A. Prizes were given for 1) best visuals, 2) best speaker and 3) best research project.

Participants who watched the presentations were able to vote for their top 3 presenters in the above categories. The winners were announced at the end of the Conference day.

Maria Pavlova won best visuals, Nicole Mackenzie won best speaker and Perri Tutelman won best research project!
Impact at a glance

- Increased traffic to Partner websites & resources
- Over 60+ new Pain Centre members
- Over 75+ new Twitter followers
- Over 20+ Pain Centre Newsletter subscriptions
- Free for persons with lived experience and low-to-middle income Countries
- Over 300+ registrants
- PICH and Twitter Award Winners
- International attendees and guest speakers
- Patients Included. Patients involved in planning and presenting
- Conquering the Hurt’s first Virtual Conference
- Explored timely and relevant topics in EDI, Mental Health & COVID
- Pre-launch of the Online Paediatric Pain Curriculum
- Over 30+ speakers
"Being at my first virtual conference, I was amazed by the amount of projects, research studies, case studies and content that was discussed today. In addition to that, how motivated healthcare professionals, trainees, researchers, policy makers, patients and families are to advocate, share their research and knowledge on chronic pain. This conference was extremely well organized and informative. I have learned a lot today about several topics that I have never heard of before and am glad that I was able to expand my knowledge. As a 17 year old with chronic pain, I am grateful to have gotten this experience."

Natasha Trehan
Person with lived experience of pain

"I want to thank you so much for giving me the precious opportunity to attend this year’s Conquering the Hurt 2020 conference.

I was amazed at the level and quality of research being undertaken by our colleagues and I was so much interested in the presentations made at the rapid fire session. I also loved the experience shared by the caregiver/mom as well as that by the sickle-cell advocate/patient.

This conference has stimulated my academic brain tremendously. I look forward to attending this conference again in the future and have my colleagues from this part of the world attend too.

Thanks so much!"

Dr. Tonia C. Onyeka
(MBBS Nig; DA WA; MSc Pain Mgt Cardiff, Wales; FWACS)
Associate Professor/Consultant Anesthetist,
Pain Physician, Palliative Medicine Physician
Welcome, Acknowledging Land and Opening Remarks

9:00am
Dr. Fiona Campbell, Pain Centre Co-Director & Medical Director of the Chronic Pain Program, SickKids

Dr. Lindsay Jibb, Assistant Professor, UoT, & Pain in Child Health (PICH), Co-Director

Leading in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

9:05am
Dr. Ronald Cohn, President & CEO, SickKids

Mental Health & Pain during COVID-19

9:30am
Keeping Chronic Pain Patients Alive During and After the Pandemic

Dr. Hance Clarke, Director of Pain Services & Medical Director of the Pain Research Unit, Toronto General Hospital

Early-life Adversities, Anxiety and Pain Sensitivity

Dr. Marco Battaglia, Associate Chief, Division of Child and Youth Psychiatry, CAMH

Transcending Geography with Virtual Care for Children with Pain. Patient and Caregiver Satisfaction

Lisa D'Alessandro, Clinical Nurse Specialist, SickKids

Pain in Vulnerable Populations

Opening Keynote

Pain in Children with Developmental Disabilities: What to do When Pain Persists Even When you are Doing Everything Right

11:10am
Dr. Tim Oberlander, Professor, Division of Developmental Pediatrics, UBC

The Individual and Intergenerational Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Youth with Chronic Pain

1:40pm
Dr. Sarah Nelson, Instructor Psychologist, Pediatric Chronic Pain, Boston Children's Hospital, & Instructor in Psychology, Harvard Medical School

Jaimie Beveridge, PhD student, Clinical Psychology program, University of Calgary

Pain in Child Health (PICH) Trainees - Rapid Fire Presentations

1:40pm
Dr. Tieghan Killackey
Maria Pavlova
Perri Tuttleman
Giulia Mesaroli
Nicole Addab
Rhiannon Joslin
Dr. Nicole Proudfoot

Disparities in Care, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Panel Discussion

2:30pm
Dr. Katie Birnie (moderator), Assistant Scientific Director, SKIP, & Assistant Professor, UCalgary

Lanre Tunji-Ajayi, President & CEO, Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario

Dr. Samir Shaheen Hussain, Pediatric Emergency Physician, & Assistant Professor, McGill University

Dr. Frank Gavin, Citizen Engagement Director, CHILD-BRIGHT

Dr. Lisa Isaac, Anesthesiologist, SickKids, & Assistant Professor, UoT

Treatment of Sickle Cell Pain: Fostering Trust and Justice

3:15pm
Dr. Bill Zempsky, Division Head, Pain & Palliative Medicine, Connecticut Children's, & Professor, University of Connecticut

Brandon Parris, young adult living with Sickle Cell Disease
Conference Program Snapshot (2/2)

Pain and Complex Care Population | ECHO at the Conquering the Hurt Conference

Lunch

12:00pm
Dr. Alvin Loh
Medical Chief of Staff, Surrey Place

Breakout Sessions

Pain after Childhood Cancer: Is it Different and How Should we Manage It?
1:00pm
Dr. Lauren Heathcote,
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine, Standford University

A Peek into Complex Care Issues in Pain and Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
1:00pm
Dr. Frank Symons, Associate Dean for Research and Policy, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota

Closing Keynote

3:50pm
Dr. Laura Simons, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine, Stanford University Medical Center

Closing Remarks

4:40pm
Dr. Jennifer Stinson, Pain Centre Co-Director & Senior Scientist, SickKids
Dr. Melanie Noel, Associate Professor, UCalgary, & Pain in Child Health (PICH) Co-Chair

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Predicting recovery and persistence - Novel tools and strategies

Closing Remarks

Dr. Jennifer Stinson, Pain Centre Co-Director & Senior Scientist, SickKids

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