

Post-Conflict Rehabilitation Symposium

July 17-18, 2021

Therapists for Armenia & Armenian American Sports Medicine Coalition



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Dear Armenian American Medical Association,

I am contacting you on behalf of the [Therapists for Armenia](#) and [Armenian American Sports Medicine Coalition](#) organizations - a collective body of international clinicians who strive to advance the rehabilitation field in Armenia through educational outreach, collaboration, and advocacy. I write to you today to explore your interest in sponsoring a virtual conference that will help develop Armenian rehabilitation services in response to the current humanitarian crisis.

The 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh War has strained Armenia's health system with the management of thousands of wounded soldiers and refugees in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the start of the war in September 2020, our organizations have initiated various efforts including coordination of rehabilitation volunteers traveling to Armenia, donation of therapeutic supplies, clinical webinars related to treatment and assessment of war injuries, teleconsultation with in-country clinicians, and a digital resource library.

In order to further advance the field and promote international collaboration, we are organizing the *Post-Conflict Rehabilitation Virtual Symposium* to be held on July 17th & 18th, 2021. The goals of the conference are as follows:

- To stimulate interdisciplinary collaboration among Armenian healthcare providers to address identified challenges related to post-war rehabilitation.
- Facilitate the connection of Armenian healthcare providers and international rehabilitation experts to share evidence-based treatment methodologies and build local capacity.
- Empower local rehabilitation professionals to share their expertise and experience in an international platform, bringing awareness to the unique challenges of post-war Armenia.

In light of these efforts, we are looking for sponsors to support the costs of hosting this conference through the [International Center for Professional Development \(ICPD\)](#) who will provide the web platform, marketing, simultaneous interpretation, and technological support. We hope you will consider making our vision a reality. We greatly appreciate your interest and support of our efforts.

Sincerely,

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Title: Post-Conflict Rehabilitation Virtual Symposium

Theme: “Resilience, Growth, and Adaptation in the Face of Adversity”

Date: July 17th & 18th, 6:45 pm - 10 pm AMT (7:45 - 11 am PST/ 10:45 am - 2 pm EST)

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Registration:

- Armenian students & clinicians- free
- International participants- \$60 or more for clinicians (\$30 per day), \$20 for students (\$10 per day)

Format (as of 5/6/21): 2 days (5.5 CME total)

- Day 1 (Clinical Emphasis)- 3 hours CME
 - 6:45 - 7:00 Sign in & Welcoming Remarks
 - 7:00 - 7:10 Keynote Speaker- Rehabilitation in Disaster Relief
 - 7:10 - 7:30 Importance of Acute Care Rehabilitation
 - 7:30 - 7:50 Health Literacy & Patient Empowerment
 - 7:50 - 8:05 Q & A
 - 8:05 - 8:25 Mirror Therapy and Pain Management for Limb Loss
 - 8:25 - 8:45 Wound Care and Low Resource Alternatives
 - 8:45 - 9:00 Q & A
 - 9:00 - 9:45 TBI Panel (Visual Perceptual Deficits, Motor Apraxia, Acquired Apraxia of Speech)
 - 9:45 - 10:00 Q & A
 - 10:00 - 10:05 Closing Remarks
- Day 2 (Community Emphasis)- 2.5 hours CME
 - 6:45 - 7:00 Sign in & Welcoming Remarks
 - 7:00 - 7:15 Keynote speaker- Patient Perspective from a Veteran
 - 7:15 - 7:30 Q & A
 - 7:30 - 7:50 Cognitive Deficits Post-TBI & Compensatory Strategies
 - 7:50 - 8:10 Transition to Home and Living with SCI
 - 8:10 - 8:30 Q & A
 - 8:30 - 9:15 Community Reintegration After Combat Injury Panel (Identity, PTSD, Peer Support)
 - 9:15 - 9:30 Q & A
 - 9:30-9:45 Closing Remarks

****SEQUENCE AND TITLES OF PRESENTATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

Recordings to be available on ICPD and Therapists for Armenia websites