



Therapists for Armenia, Armenian American Sports  
Medicine Coalition, & International Center for Professional Development present

# Post-Conflict Rehabilitation Virtual Symposium

*"Resilience, Growth, and Adaptation in the Face of Adversity"*



## Course Format

Symposium will take place online via Zoom over 2 half-day sessions.

**Date:** July 17 - 18, 2021

**Time: Saturday, July 17, 2021**

- 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Yerevan
- 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM New York
- 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM California

**Time: Sunday, July 18, 2021**

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**Location:** Zoom

## Target Audience

Physical therapists/assistants, occupational therapists/assistants, speech language pathologists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, and family physicians

## Overview

The 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh War has strained Armenia's healthcare 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, Therapists for Armenia & Armenian American Sports Medicine Coalition 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 have organized Post-Conflict Rehabilitation Virtual Symposium. This symposium will serve as a platform for international experts and participants to come together for the first multidisciplinary rehabilitation conference targeting post-war injuries. We look forward to further collaboration and efforts to support capacity-building for Armenia's system and infrastructure.

## Goals

- 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

## Registration

Clinicians (Armenia & Artsakh)	Free
Students (Armenia & Artsakh)	Free
Clinicians (International)	\$ 60
Students (International)	\$ 40

*Prices listed in USD. Proceeds will support the missions of Therapists for Armenia and the Armenian American Sports Medicine Coalition.*

**Register:** [Post-Conflict Rehabilitation Registration Link](#)

**Course Access** An email will be sent to all registered course participants a few days prior to the start of the program containing instructions to access the course. This email will be sent from [icpdarmenia@gmail.com](mailto:icpdarmenia@gmail.com) to the email address you used to register for the conference.

**Accreditation** Armenian CME will be provided. Please contact your local accrediting bodies to determine if this conference can qualify as CE credits for your profession.

**Language** English with Armenian simultaneous translation

**Conference Moderators** V. Armineh Babikian, MS, OTR/L; Lusine Karapetyan, PT, DPT

## Schedule

### Saturday, July 17, 2021 CLINICAL DAY

#### Time (EST)

10:15-10:30	Registration/ Sign In
10:30-10:40	Welcoming Remarks <b>V. Armineh Babikian, MS, OTR/L</b> (Therapists for Armenia) <b>Nicholas Tavoukjian, MS, ATC</b> (Armenian American Sports Medicine Coalition)
10:40-11:00	Keynote: Role of Rehabilitation in Disaster Relief <b>Peter Skelton, PT, MSc</b> (World Health Organization)
11:00-11:10	The Lived Experience: SWOT Analysis of Armenian Rehabilitation During and Post-Conflict <b>Liana Aghajanyan, MD, PT</b> (Arabkir Medical Center)
11:10-11:30	Strategies for Acute Care Rehabilitation and Improving Prognosis <b>James Smith, PT, DPT, MA</b> (Utica College) <b>Hallie Zeleznick, PT, DPT</b> (University of Pittsburgh) <b>Alan Lee, PT, SPT, CSW, GCS, PhD</b> (Mount Saint Mary University)
11:30-11:50	Wound Care and Low Resource Alternatives <b>Melissa K. Johnson, PT, DPT</b> (APTA Wound Management SIG) <b>Patricia Larkin-Upton, PT, DPT, MS</b> (APTA Wound Management SIG)
11:50-12:10	Q&A
12:10-12:30	Mirror Therapy and Pain Management for Limb Loss <b>Dawn Nilsen, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA</b> (Columbia University)
12:30-12:50	Traumatic Brain Injury: Assessment, Evaluation, & Treatment by Rancho Level of Cognitive Functioning <b>Mary Hudson-McKinney, PT, DPT, NCS</b> (Azusa Pacific University)
12:50-1:10	Q&A
1:10-1:20	Break
1:20-2:05	<b>Panel: Impact of Traumatic Brain Injury on Visual, Motor, and Language Skills</b> <b>Karen Aranha, PhD, OT</b> (University of St. Augustine Health Science) <b>Nayiri Adessian, MS, CCC-SLP</b> (West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center) <b>Taline Abrahamian Boroyan, MS, OTR/L</b> (Boston Medical Center) Moderator: Mary Hudson-McKinney, PT, DPT, NCS
2:05-2:20	Q&A
2:20-2:30	Closing Remarks <b>V. Armineh Babikian, MS, OTR/L</b> (Therapists for Armenia)

### Sunday, July 18, 2021

### COMMUNITY DAY

#### Time (EST)

10:15-10:30	Registration/ Sign In
10:30-10:35	Welcoming Remarks <b>V. Armineh Babikian, MS, OTR/L</b> (Therapists for Armenia)
10:35-10:55	Keynote: Rehabilitation Through the Continuum of Care <b>Michel Landry, BScPT, PhD</b> (Duke University)
10:55-11:05	Q&A
11:05-11:25	Health Literacy and Patient Empowerment <b>Mélanie Levasseur, OT, PhD</b> (Université de Sherbrooke)
11:25-11:45	Transition to Home and Living with Spinal Cord Injury <b>Michelle Sawtelle, PT, MPT, NCS</b> (University of St. Augustine Health Sciences)
11:45-12:05	Q&A
12:05-12:15	Break
12:15-1:15	Panel: Strategies for Community Reintegration Following Combat Injury <b>Ani Yengibaryan, MA</b> (Saint Grigor Lusavorich Hospital) <b>Jennifer Thompson, MS, OTR/L</b> (Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital) <b>Nathalie Halajian, MS, CF-SLP</b> (West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center) <b>Oshin Vartanian, PhD</b> (University of Toronto) Moderator: Nayiri Adessian, MS, CCC-SLP
1:15-1:35	Q&A
1:35- 1:50	Collaborative Efforts Between Armenia and the Diaspora <b>V. Armineh Babikian, MS, OTR/L</b> (Therapists for Armenia) <b>Nicholas Tavoukjian, MS, ATC</b> (Armenian American Sports Medicine Coalition)
1:50-2:00	Closing Remarks <b>V. Armineh Babikian, MS, OTR/L</b> (Therapists for Armenia)

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