Dear Estim Collaborators

It has been a while since we have spoken so I wanted to provide an update and see if members would be interested in attending a brief online meeting.

UPDATE:

1. GRANT CLOSED: Grant related activities funded by RHI (G2015-34) ended December 31st, 2017.
2. LOTS of WRITING: Members of the research team are actively writing up “lessons learned” from this enormous project.
3. NEW WEBSITE: One of the outputs of this project was a new website called Estim4wounds.ca where you will find a number of resources that were created during the 3 year knowledge mobilization project. [If you haven’t already, please check it out, ask a question and sign up as a Estim provider].
4. CONTINUED FUNDING: I submitted a request to RHI and the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation for a small fund to continue the website and support our collaborative work (virtual and face to face meetings), Unfortunately, I have not received any confirmation of this request.
5. NEW GRANT FUNDING: The Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation released a funding opportunity that is targeted in 4 areas including pressure ulcers. The projects need to relate back to the strategic planning exercises called summits. In the case of pressure ulcers this relates to a document generated by a working group entitled Canadian SCI pressure ulcer agenda. <http://onf.org/system/attachments/474/original/Pressure_Ulcer_Summit_Summary.pdf>

I think this funding is an opportunity to continue the work of the National Implementation Committee that worked on the Estim collaboration which has collaborators in 9 different sites and 5 provinces. I am willing to play a mentoring role to support a group of you who are interested in developing such a proposal. The PI needs to be based in Ontario but can include collaborations with other provinces.

NEXT MEETING

I am checking to see if there is interest in meeting again soon to discuss these updates and find out what Estim implementation activities have been going on at each of the 9 participating sites. In the doole poll below I have suggested a few dates in the next couple weeks for a 1 hour virtual meeting. Please doodle soon so we can let everybody know when to safe the date.

I hope you are all doing well! Look forward to hearing from you soon.

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