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Care during and beyond the COVID-19 Crisis - Supporting Resilient Communities in Times of Public Health Crisis

COVID-19

The second in IFIC's "Care during and beyond the COVID-19 Crisis - Building integrated care as the cornerstone of our new reality" webinar series will take place at 8am Sydney, Australia (AEST) Friday, 24th April (11pm, Thursday 23rd April London GMT). This webinar is in association with IFIC Australia and will be chaired by Professor Nick Goodwin, Chair of IFIC Australia and Director of the Central Coast Research Institute. The webinar will focus on "Supporting Community Resilience in times of Public Health Crisis"

Community resilience refers to the sustained ability of a community to respond to, withstand and recover from shocks and stressors. In Australia, and other countries, natural disasters such as drought, bushfires, floods, earthquakes and infectious disease outbreaks such as COVID-19 are likely to have a sustained and negative impact on the health and wellbeing of people over a prolonged period of time. This webinar will explore evidence, and personal experiences, in supporting community resilience - both as a means to strengthen communities to withstand public health crises before they occur, in times of

emergency response, and in the aftermath.

This webinar will enable health and care decision-makers and managers to hear about the integrated care approaches implemented and considerations made to address people's continued care and support needs beyond the public health issues and crisis management. The webinar will include an opportunity to ask questions and will highlight IFIC's COVID-19 Knowledge Exchange Platform to facilitate the sharing of people's experiences of responding to the situation.

In this webinar series we will be offering an opportunity for our network to hear about the integrated care approaches implemented and considerations being made around the world to address people's continued care and support needs beyond the immediate public health issues and crisis management. This webinar series is not intended to be about lessons learnt or to provide expert advice, but it is intended as a space to share observations, insights and thoughts. We will discuss various responses and reflect on new ways of working and ongoing learning as the weeks progress.

While we are not able to represent all the contexts in the world, it is our intention to host webinars that include contributions from many regions and those in different time-zones. We understand that every country will often have very different challenges and responses and in these webinars we will draw experiences from a wide range of regions and countries. If you would like to recommend a panellist for a future webinar, please do get in touch with us.

If you have any questions or comments you would like to share in advance of the webinar with our panellists please contact [Darren Curran](#) or tweet to @IFICinfo using #integratedcare #COVID19

Panellists include:



Ricardo Fábrega,
Senior Adviser, Integrated Health
Services, Pan American Health
Organization (PAHO)



David Perkins,
Director, Centre for Rural and Remote
Mental Health (CRRMH), University of
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Jason Cheah,
Deputy Group CEO (Transformation),
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Ghislaine Rouly,
Patient Representative and President,
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CHUM and Notre-Dame and Patient
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Partnership with Patients and the Public
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Antoine Boivin,
Codirector of the Centre of Excellence on
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Chairholder of the Canada Research Chair
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Chaired by:



Nick Goodwin, Director, Central Coast
Research Institute and Chair, IFIC
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Support through COVID-19

The current COVID-19 pandemic has rapidly impacted every area of our lives and, in particular, is creating an unprecedented challenge to our health and care systems worldwide. Governments across the globe are taking numerous measures to respond to the urgent care needs of those impacted by COVID-19, while at the same time trying to reduce the long-term impact on vulnerable people as much as possible. IFIC recognizes the extraordinary pressures that this crisis has imposed on health and care decision-makers, but particularly on system managers and frontline staff. Our thoughts are with you all.

The International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC) is well aware that COVID-19 impacts are highly localized and reflect both the health and care systems and population demographics in each region and country. Since the first COVID-19 cases appeared, countries have developed different strategies and responses to cope with the pandemic. At the same time, we have witnessed a wide range of innovations and willingness to adapt to these challenging times.

IFIC will be facilitating the ability of our community to share some of these inspiring stories and experiences through a series of special webinars aimed at supporting those working in the health and care sectors. The focus of the series is to enable health and care decision-makers and managers to hear about the integrated care approaches implemented and considerations made to address people's continued care and support needs beyond the public health issues and crisis management. The webinars will include an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences. You can catch up on previous webinars by watching the recording or listening to the podcast both available on the [COVID-19 Resource Page](#).

IFIC has also launched a COVID-19 Knowledge Exchange Group to facilitate the sharing of people's experiences of responding to the situation. We will share these resources in the COVID-19 Group in our members area. To access the resources you will need to be or become an IFIC Community Member which is free to join.

The COVID-19 group also includes a forum for people to start discussions, ask for advice or to share thoughts and considerations.

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