

Theme Descriptions for Research Day 2016

You will be asked to select a 1st and 2nd choice of themes that most **closely describes** the work in your abstract. Use the following descriptions to help guide your selection:

- **Prevent Injury and Illness Theme** – Research on this topic is not just about preventing the injury or illness from first occurring, but it is also about preventing repeat episodes from occurring after a rehabilitation program is complete.
- **Restore Function Theme** – Since prevention will never be 100% effective, restoring function to those who have had an injury or illness is fundamental to our mission. Techniques for restoring function are evolving rapidly, showing promise with both acute and chronic injuries.
- **Enable Independence Theme** – Advances in medicine have been extending the average life span into the 80's. As we continue to increase longevity, it is important to also maintain and improve the quality of that life. People like to live at home; we would like to enable that goal to be realized by providing innovations to support aging-in-place without placing financial, time, psychological and physical burdens on family caregivers.
- **Optimize the Rehabilitation System Theme** –As our knowledge and understanding of rehabilitation grows, we recognize that parts of our healthcare system require updates, revisions, and reimagining. Our researchers have ideas about how to improve care, access to care, quality of care, and how to accelerate research into clinical practice, even as our rehabilitation challenges become increasingly complex.