

August 2022 BSA Adult Rehabilitation Special Interest Group (ARIG)

One of the things I enjoy about being in the Adult Rehab Special Interest Group (ARIG) is that we often work on projects much wider than just producing practice guidance. However at present, alongside all of these other projects, we have a huge amount of guidance being developed or reviewed.

In terms of practice guidance, we are completely redrafting the "Common Principles of Adult Rehabilitation" with a change in structure so that clinical recommendations are both easier to apply to your patients and the evidence behind these recommendations is still transparent. We are aiming to get this out for consultation as soon as possible. We have been working hard with the Tinnitus & Hyperacusis SIG to get the final version of the ULL Recommended Procedure to the Practice Guidance Group. We are also working with the Cognition & Hearing SIG on a proposal for Assistive Listening Devices and will start working on this in the next few months.

So what are the headlines? Our new project of lightning updates on summarising research in different areas of adult rehab is due to kick off in the autumn. If you find these useful and have ideas for future topics please contact us. We ran an online event for people who have an interest in what ARIG are doing and wanted to help develop future projects in May. If you would like the full report created from this day we are happy to share this with you.

The deaf awareness project has been focusing on survey data we have had back from over 800 people with hearing loss about their experiences of deaf awareness in the health service. This is being analysed for peer review publications and will also lead to practice guidance going forward.

We have been working hard with the BSA YouTube channel and you may be interested in viewing the short videos we created for Dementia Awareness Week, stories from #InspiringAudiologists and views from hearing aid wearers on patient centred care. We have also worked with the online learning team, the most recent topic being service provision for working age adults with hearing loss which you may wish to access via BSA Online Learning.