

AusACPDM Listening and Sharing session

Sustainable Model of eARly intervention and Telerehabilitation for children with Cerebral Palsy (SMART CP)



Join us in our free listening and sharing session

5:30-6:30 pm (Australian EDST); 29.10.2025

This interactive AusACPDM Listening and Sharing session will be about:

The Sustainable Model of Early Intervention and Telerehabilitation for Children With CP (SMART CP) was tested in a cluster randomized trial in rural Bangladesh. The model integrated referral networks, caregiver peer groups, community-based centres, and telerehabilitation. Among 968 children with CP, service uptake rose from 70% to 99% in the intervention arm, compared with minimal change in controls. Children in the intervention group accessed rehabilitation earlier, had more therapy sessions, greater assistive device use, and reduced out-of-pocket costs. While no clinical outcome differences were observed, SMART-CP demonstrated effectiveness in expanding access to early CP care and offers potential for global scale-up.

This session will be of interest to clinicians, researchers, students and people with lived experience.

Presenters include:

Dr Mahmudul Al Imam, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Global Low-and Middle-Income Country Cerebral Palsy Register (GLM CPR)

The session will be facilitated by: TBC



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