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Dear Paramedic Services colleagues,

In the spirit of promoting collaboration between Paramedic Services and those involved in military prehospital care, I would like to extend an invitation for you to take part in a virtual symposium happening later this week.

On **Thursday October 1, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, the Canadian Institute for Military and Veterans Health Research (CIMVHR) presents [Military Medicine: COVID-19 and the Changing Scope of Operations](#), co-hosted by Ornge and St. Michael's Hospital.

I have the privilege of speaking at this event on the topic of changing operational issues facing Paramedic Services organizations, which are similar to those facing the military and hospitals. My presentation will include the resuscitation of hemorrhage program launched by the military during the Afghanistan war, research from Dr. Robert Fowler at Sunnybrook HSC on the topic of treating Ebola patients in full PPE in hot weather, as well as research underway by Ornge's Dr. Michael Peddle and Sunnybrook's Dr. Hamed Avari on air transport of COVID patients being treated with high flow and BIPAP.

Other notable speakers:

- **Dr. Joanne Langley – Division Head, Infectious Diseases, IWK Health Care Centre:** Dr. Langley heads the Canadian COVID vaccine consortium and will give an update on progress toward COVID vaccines.
- **Dr. Michelle Sholzberg – Associate Scientist, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, St. Michael's Hospital:** Dr. Sholzberg will be speaking about the ICU care of COVID patients.
- **Dr. Dana Devine – Chief Medical and Scientific Officer at Canadian Blood Services:** Dr. Devine will give an update about the use of convalescent plasma in the treatment of COVID patients.

This event is free, but registration in advance is required. Please click on the links below.

[Registration in English](#)

[Registration in French](#)

As a 2019 Fellow with CIMVHR, I can share with you that one of the organization's goals is to develop networks of organizations interested in the same research questions, as there is tremendous crossover with military prehospital research. We are hoping you will find some common areas of concern and will be interested in exploring future collaborations on relevant questions of interest.

Kind regards,

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