



SCI: MOVING FORWARD

A RESPONSE TO COVID-19



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— Consortium —

# SCI Advocacy during COVID-19 and Beyond

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# About NASCIC

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# About SCI: Moving Forward

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- Webinar series in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and how it is affecting the SCI population
- Website to house archived webinars and additional resources

<http://www.nasciconsortium.org/scimovingforward.com/>

# SCI Moving Forward

## Upcoming Webinar Topics

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SCI Latinx Community  
and COVID-19: A  
Continued Conversation  
July 14, 2020 @ 3pm EST

Positive Learnings from  
COVID-19  
July 21, 2020 @ 4pm EST

# Advocacy during COVID-19 and Beyond Agenda

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1. Introduction of Panelists
2. Advocacy Efforts
  - Unite 2 Fight Paralysis
  - Spinal Cord Injury Ontario
  - United Spinal Association
3. Panel Discussion
4. Q & A



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# Panelists

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# Panel Discussion

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Discussion Topic  
#1

What best practices and processes have been used?

Discussion Topic  
#2

How has the COVID-19 crisis  
and the SCl community's  
response awoken us?

Discussion Topic  
#3

What are the opportunities  
moving forward (positive  
learnings)?

## Discussion Topic #4

How does the economics of the pandemic impact funding with our respective prioritizes - care, policy and research?

Discussion Topic  
#5

# Advocacy to Activism

Q & A

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