



PATIENT PARTNER WORKING GROUP RECRUITMENT

The Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit is seeking new members to join its Patient Partner Working Group.

The Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit (OSSU) is a health research network that engages researchers, patients and other partners in patient-oriented research to improve the health of Ontarians and the health care system. A critical part of OSSU's governance structure is the Patient Partner Working Group (PPWG) – a group of dedicated patients and caregivers who guide and provide relevance to the work of OSSU and patient-oriented research projects. Click [here](#) to see the full terms of reference for the PPWG.

Patient Partner Working Group (PPWG) Mandate

1. To support and promote an overall strategy for engaging patients in the planning and conduct of research undertaken in Ontario through targeted activities.
2. To strengthen relationships with OSSU centres by sharing the support work that members are engaged in with their respective working groups.
3. To work with the OSSU stakeholders and groups to identify needs for patient representation in their membership and how best to represent the views and values of patients in their work.
4. To oversee the development, approval, and conduct of specific projects as they relate to the mandate of the working group to advance the agenda of patient partner engagement.

The PPWG is looking for 3-4 patients and/or caregivers to join the group as members.

Who can apply?

- residents of Ontario who identify as patients and/or caregivers
- people who have a working understanding of English (*La plupart des documents de travail sont en anglais et toutes les réunions se tiendront en anglais, quoiqu'il y aura une facilitatrice bilingue qui s'assurera que vous pourrez communiquer en français*)

If you are interested in becoming a member of the PPWG, please complete this form and email it to ossu@ossu.ca on or before **5:00 pm (eastern) on Wednesday, May 25, 2022**. We will respond to all those who apply.

Please complete the fields you are comfortable completing.

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1. Contact Information

Name	
Mailing Address	
Phone	
Email	

2. Please indicate all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a patient
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a caregiver
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a patient and/or caregiver with patient partnered research experience
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Patient and/or caregiver advocate for patient partnered research

3. Do you have experience with (or represent) a particular disease or illness area? If so, which one(s).

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4. Are you currently connected with any OSSU centres and/or Initiatives? (Please select which OSSU centres and/or initiatives you have been associated with)

OSSU Centres	
Applied Health Research Centre (AHRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research (CRaHR)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clinical Trials Ontario (CTO)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health System Performance Network-Institute for Better Health (HSPN IBH)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Innovations Strengthening Primary Health Care Through Research (INSPIRE-PHC)	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICES	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knowledge Translation Program (KTP)	<input type="checkbox"/>
McMaster Health Forum (MHF)	<input type="checkbox"/>
McMaster Collaborative for Health & Aging (MCHA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ontario Brain Institute (OBI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ontario Child Health Support Unit (OCHSU)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ontario Drug Policy and Research Network (ODPRN)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ottawa Methods Centre (OMC)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex and Gender Plus Research Support (WCH)	<input type="checkbox"/>
OSSU Initiatives	
Digital Health & Implementation Science Initiative (DHISI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fairness is Excellence Initiative (FEI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Nations Research and Data Management Initiative (FNRDMI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indigenous (Métis/Inuit) Initiative (IMII)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health & Addictions Research Initiative (MHARI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ontario Francophone Communities Research Initiative (FI-COFFRE)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public and Patient Engagement Collaborative (PPEC)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training and Capacity Building Initiative (TCBI)	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Please elaborate on any current or previous involvement with OSSU (100 words max)

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6. Do you have experience or interest in a particular area of research (e.g., pediatrics, methodological, geriatrics, health systems, etc.)

7. Below is a list of skills that could be helpful for the PPWG. We would like to know a little bit more about you and what you could contribute. Please indicate if you have any experience with the following knowledge and skills. Feel free to add any other knowledge and/or skills you may have in the space provided below.

Knowledge and Skills	
Governance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accounting / Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications / Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strategic Thinking / Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charity / Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry / Business Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grant writing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grant reviews	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patient partnered research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community-led research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publication – writing articles/blogs, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peer mentorship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participated in patient-oriented research training	<input type="checkbox"/>
Led patient-oriented research training	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equity, diversity, inclusion training	<input type="checkbox"/>
<< Other >>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8. Please briefly describe your background and experience with patient engagement in research and/or patient partnered research. (100 words max) *

9. Please let us know why you like to be a member of OSSU's Patient Partner Working Group. (100 words max) *

10. Please list any current or previous involvement with OSSU or any of its activities and funded centres. (See Appendix A) (100 words max) *

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