



3.2 budget and workplan for the approach

Bidders may collaborate to draw expertise from various organizations, but a single lead organization should be identified on each submission.

Key Considerations:

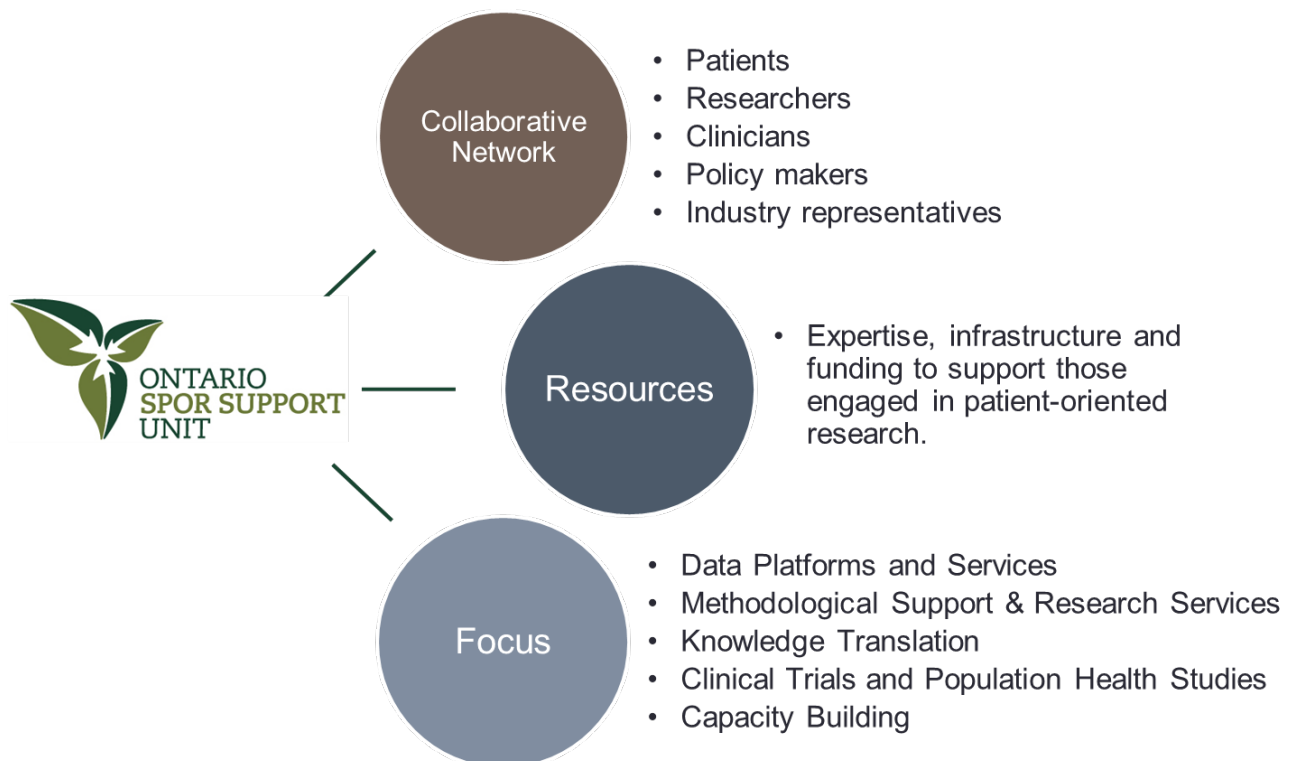
Proposals are to be submitted electronically to OSSU’s PPAWG via the email OSSU@OSSU.ca by **5:00 pm** ~~Monday~~ ~~October 30~~ **2017**. Please include “PPAWG Ladder of Engagement White Paper Proposal” in the subject line. Questions regarding the RFP should be submitted to Eddy Nason (eddynason@ossu.ca) by **5:00 pm** ~~Monday~~ ~~October 30~~ **2017**.

Appendix A

OSSU Overview

OSSU brings together a diverse stakeholder group engaged with patient-oriented research in Ontario. With this group, OSSU leverages Ontario's wealth of health research resources to align and build upon CIHR's SPOR goals (Figure 1). Using this strategic approach allows OSSU to ensure that the existing high volume of excellent health research in the province gets realigned with the needs of the collaborative network of stakeholders in patient-oriented research in Ontario.

Figure 1. OSSU strategic approach



The OSSU is composed of a Coordinating Centre and 12 centres/networks with diverse expertise related to patient-oriented research and implementation (Figure 2). The majority of OSSU funding is directed to new activities at these 12 centres/networks, including supports and services that they will provide to other researchers, infrastructure/platform investments and capacity building initiatives.

Figure 2. OSSU Coordinating Centre and 12 Research Centres

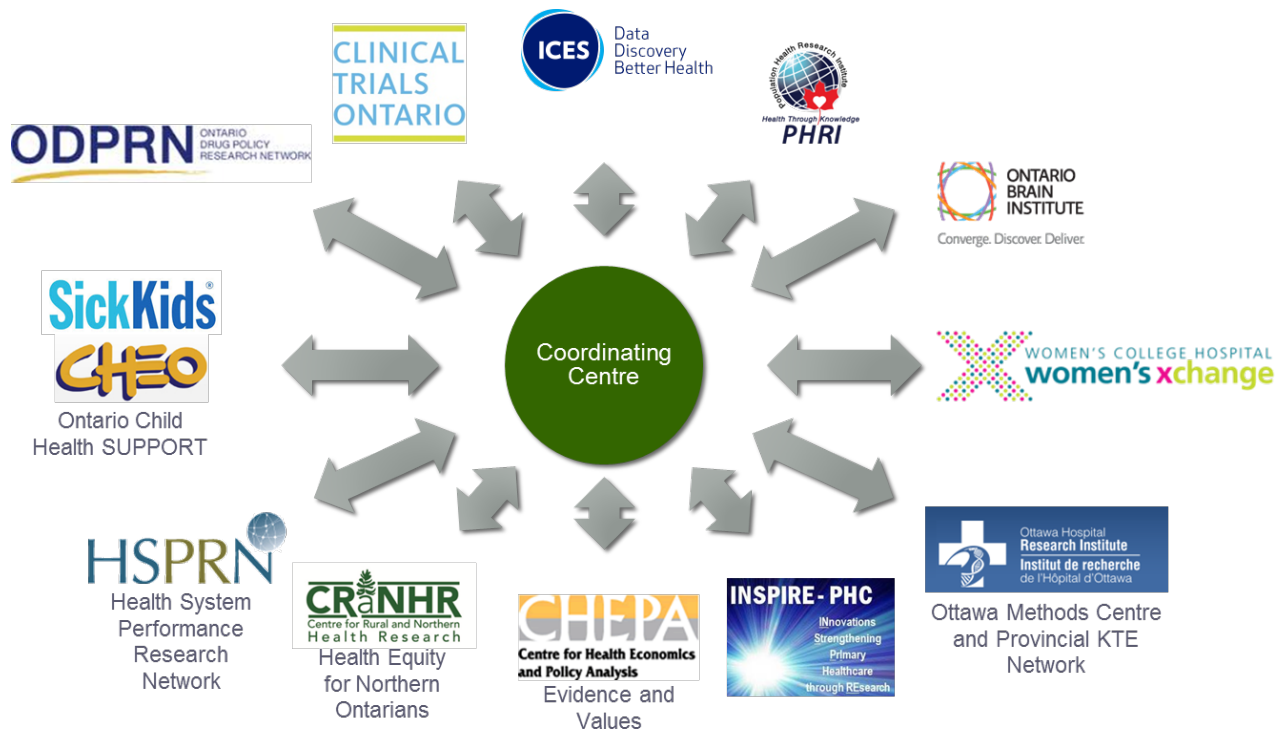


Figure 3. OSSU Working Groups

	Sex & Gender Issues	Francophone Issues	Indigenous Issues
Data Platforms	■	■	■
Pragmatic Trials	■	■	■
Capacity Building	■	■	■
Patient Partnership	■	■	■
Performance Measurement	■	■	■
Knowledge Translation & Exchange	■	■	■

In addition to these 12 centres, OSSU has 9 cross-cutting working groups (6 aligned with the SPOR Support Unit priorities laid out by CIHR, and 3 aligning with Ontario POR priorities)(Figure 3).

In terms of research activity (as an illustration of how Ontario health research can utilize OSSU POR supports) OSSU has funded two demonstration projects beginning in 2013, one led by the Ontario Stroke Network (*Implementing Quality Based Procedures for stroke patients*), the second by Patients Canada (*Patient*



Partnership Principles and ER PROMs). In addition to these two demonstration projects, OSSU is funding a suite of IMPACT Awards - translational research projects that are Innovative, Measurable, Patient-oriented, Appropriate, Collaborative and Transformative (for details see <http://ossu.ca/impact-awards/>).

SPOR Overview

CIHR states that “**Canada's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR)** is about ensuring that the right patient receives the right intervention at the right time.” SPOR is a 5-year, joint federal, provincial, territorial initiative to foster:

- Evidence-informed health care with system-wide impact.
- Enhanced patient engagement and partnerships.
- Innovative collaboration among researchers, clinicians, patients, health system administrators, policy makers, health charities, industry, etc.
- An engaged coalition dedicated to the integration of research into care and the translation of research results into improved health outcomes.

For SPOR, patient-oriented research refers to a continuum of research that engages patients as partners, focusses on patient-identified priorities and improves patient outcomes. In SPOR, ‘patient’ refers to individuals with personal experience of a health issue and informal caregivers, including family and friends.

SPOR as a whole is built on a number of principles (Box 1) that outline the way SPOR research should be funded, approached, practiced and assessed.

- Patients need to be involved in all aspects of the research to ensure questions and results are relevant and integrated into practice.
- Decision-makers and clinicians need to be involved throughout the entire research process to ensure integration into policy and practice.
- Funding is based on a 1:1 matching formula with non-federal government partners to ensure relevance and applicability.
- Effective patient-oriented research requires a multi-disciplinary approach.
- SPOR is focused on first-in-human (and beyond) research designed to be transformative in nature and improve patient outcomes and the effectiveness and efficiency of the health care system.
- SPOR is outcome driven and incorporates performance measurement and evaluation as integral components of the initiative.

Box 1. SPOR principles

SPOR is essentially comprised of two main components that both integrate patient engagement and training & mentoring activities as core components: SPOR Support Units and SPOR Networks (Figure 4).

Support Units: Provincial and/or regional centres providing support and expertise to those engaged in patient-oriented research.

SPOR Networks: National collaborations to generate research evidence and innovations designed to improve patient health and health care systems.

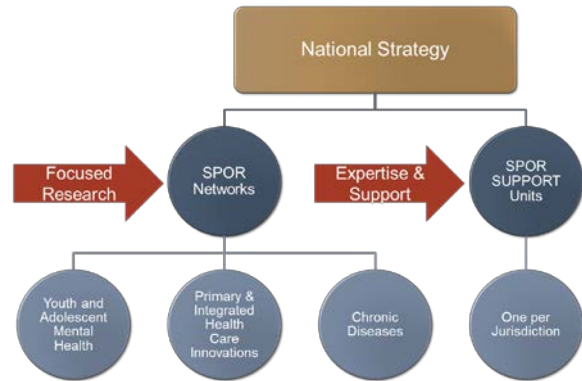


Figure 4. SPOR Components

Appendix B – IAP2 Spectrum

