



**Ontario
SPOR SUPPORT
Unit**

OSSU Sub-Plenary Session at CAHSPR

February 3, 2017

Session Title: **Learning with Patients: *Research Trainees and Early Career Investigators Engaging Patients in Health Services Research***

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About OSSU

The Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit (OSSU) was established as a partnership between the Government of Ontario and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to implement the national Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) in Ontario. The overarching goal of SPOR is to translate health research evidence into improved health outcomes for Canadians. Particular emphasis is placed on patient engagement in research and the generation of a strong evidence base upon which to formulate health policy and decision making. One of OSSU's mandates is to grow Canada's capacity to attract, train and mentor health care professionals and patient-oriented researchers as well as to create sustainable career paths in patient-oriented research.

Opportunity

As part of its efforts to fulfil its capacity building mandate and further promote the Patient-Oriented Research (POR) approach to health research, OSSU will co-sponsor a sub-plenary session featuring examples of POR projects for trainees and new investigators at the 2017 CAHSPR Conference to be held May 24-26, 2017 in Toronto, ON

Session time: 4:45 – 6:00 pm (75 mins)
Session date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017
Session location: tbd

Session Aims:

1. Create an opportunity for trainees (Masters, PhDs and PDFs) and early career investigators conducting patient engaged POR research to network with colleagues, OSSU Centre leads (see NOTE) and Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care representatives;
2. Promote OSSU Centre resources and the POR approach to health services research; and,
3. Provide feedback and advice designed to further develop and advance the programs of research presented at the session.



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Session Details:

4:50 pm (5mins) Opening remarks and Response Panel Introductions

4:55 pm (5mins) Patient presentation (Emily Nicholas Angl - tentative)

(Presentation on the value and experiences of patient engagement in health services research)

5:00 pm (45mins) Rapid presentations (15 @ 3 mins per)

(3 MS Power Point slides: 1. Project description/potential value; 2. Patient engagement strategy/tactics employed and value; 3. Potential impact the new knowledge will generate)

5:45 pm (10mins) Response Panel Comments

(Panel participants will provide general comments regarding: potential to enhance projects; resources available through OSSU that may be relevant; linkages to broader POR agenda in Ontario; and, future directions and consideration for the research)

5:03 pm (12mins) Networking poster time

(Poster presenters will be instructed to bring a printout of their presentation slides and contact information)

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be affiliated with an accredited Ontario-based university, hospital, research institution or health care agency.
- Abstract submission must represent the work of the applicant trainee or early career investigator.
- Abstract submission must be co-signed by the applicant's supervisor or senior investigator.
- Project must incorporate meaningful engagement of patients/family care givers.
- Applicants who are already presenting at CAHSPR are not eligible to apply.
- Successful applicants must register (or already be registered) to attend the 2017 CAHSPR conference.

Selection Process:

OSSU will select, from the abstract submissions, projects that exemplify the diversity of topics/considerations relevant to health services research including:

- **Geography** (Patient-engaged health services research occurring or focused in Northern, Eastern, Western and/or Southern Ontario);
- **Sex and gender** (Patient-engaged health services research that considers sex and gender issues);
- **Vulnerable populations** (Patient-engaged health services research focused on First Nations, Paediatric, low-SES and other vulnerable populations);
- **Pillar of research** (Patient-engaged health services research in CIHR pillars II-IV);
- **Type of researcher** (Patient-engaged health services research conducted by Clinician, PDF, or PhD/Masters student researchers).

Important dates

Abstract submission due: 5:00 pm (Eastern), Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Notification of decisions: March 31, 2017

Presentation submission: 12:00 pm noon (Eastern), Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Session: TBC, Wednesday, May 24, 2017



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NOTE: OSSU Resources Centres include:

Applied Health Research Centre (AHRC), Toronto
Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research (CRaNHR), Sudbury
Clinical Trials Ontario (CTO), Toronto
Harnessing Evidence and Values for Health Services Excellence (at CHEPA), Hamilton
Health System Performance Research Network (HSPRN), Toronto
INSPIRE – Primary Health Care Research Network, Kingston
Institute for Clinical Evaluative Studies (ICES), Toronto
Ontario Brain Institute (OBI), Toronto
Ontario Child Health SUPPORT Unit (OCHSU)
Ontario Drug Policy Research Network (ODPRN), Toronto
Ottawa Methods Centre, Ottawa
Population Health Research Institute (PHRI), Hamilton
Women’s College Hospital – Women’s Xchange, Toronto

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract submissions must not exceed 200 words and must be structured as follows:

1. Project Objectives
2. Approach used to Engage Patients/Family Caregivers
3. Research Approach
4. Results
5. Conclusion

Abstract submission must also include:

- Project title
- Presenters name, affiliation and contact information
- Sources of funding
- Applicable co-signature (supervisor/senior lab investigator)

Abstracts to be submitted in native MS Word format by email to ossu@ossu.ca with the following text in the subject line: **“OSSU Trainee Sub-plenary session at 2017 CAHSPR”**.

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INFORMATION FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Successful applicants will present a poster and give a 3-minute presentation during the sub-plenary session at the 2017 CAHSPR Conference.

Poster guidelines

Size: The space for your poster will be 4' x 4' – posters may not exceed this size (they may be smaller if appropriate).

Content: This session is on how patient-oriented research can inform the public, policy and health practice. As such, we would encourage posters to reflect the following rather than focusing on the methods or approach of the work:

- Title and research team: trainee/early career investigator and the supervisor or senior lab investigator as appropriate. include the names of patient/family care giver leads.
- Purpose and approach: Background/purpose, approach/method, any results.
- Patient engagement: How patients/family caregivers are engaged in the work and how the patient engagement adds value to the work.
- The value of the work: How the work can be used by the public, policy and health practice.
- Acknowledgment of funding sources.

Handout: Prepare a brief summary of your work (or a print-out of your presentation slides) and include your contact information.

Presentation guidelines

Presentations are limited to 3 slides:

1. Project title/description/potential value;
What is known on this subject (e.g. burden, access challenges, etc.) and why it needs studying – the context of the study. Why this is important to patients/family caregivers.
2. Patient engagement strategy/tactics employed and value;
Showcase why patient engagement/patient-oriented research is the right way to address this challenge.
3. Potential impact the new knowledge will generate
How is this work of value to patients, the public, policy/decision makers or health practice/practitioners?