

# OSSU UPDATE



Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit Newsletter

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## ENGAGING PATIENTS AND FAMILY CAREGIVERS IN RESEARCH

On September 22-23, IMPACT Award winners Drs. Markle-Reid and McAiney hosted an exciting *Patient and Care Giver Engagement Workshop* at the Perkins Centre, a community development centre affiliated with the McMaster University School of Nursing in east Hamilton. The location provided local community representatives and patients with easy access to the workshop. Professor Patricia Wilson, University of Kent professor in primary and community care, lead the workshop and shared her experiences with patient and public involvement in the UK National Healthcare System structures and health research.



Professor Patricia Wilson leads a table discussion on patient and caregiver engagement

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Deputy Minister Bob Bell discusses health system research priorities with Masterclass participants.

## SECOND POR MASTERCLASS

The second instalment of the extremely successful *Masterclass on the Use and Conduct of Patient Oriented Research* was held on November 7-9 at the Ivey School of Business in Toronto. Over 50 participants representing researchers, patients and caregivers, policy and decision makers, and providers attended the intense 3-day workshop. Participants were thrilled about the course and were keen to establish a community of practice to support each other's work and share successes. Over 100 graduates of the Masterclass are now in the community championing patient-oriented research. The next Masterclass will be held in November 2017 and several additional courses will be developed for key audiences such as the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC).

## CLINICAL TRIALS IN CANADA SUMMIT

OSSU Assistant Director Eddy Nason



presented at the 16th Clinical Trials in Canada Summit in October, on the role of innovative patient partnership in clinical trials. The summit was attended by individuals from both the private and public sectors, and featured a presentation by Susan Marlin, President and CEO, Clinical Trials Ontario.

## WOMEN'S XCHANGE 2016 FALL EVENT

The Women's Xchange will be hosting its Fall Event entitled "*Women, Work and Health: Precarious and Invisible Labour*". The event will be held on Friday, November 25th, 2:30 to 6:00 pm, at the Women's College Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. Details can be found at: <http://womensxchange.womensresearch.ca/events/women-work-health/>





Members of the ODPRN Citizens' Panel.

## ODPRN CITIZENS' PANEL

The Ontario Drug Policy Research Network (ODPRN) is enhancing its commitment to patient engagement. The network has established a 22-member Citizens' Panel to support improved patient engagement within several aspects of ODPRN projects. Previously, a smaller group of patients were involved in developing policy recommendations for major drug class reviews. Now, ODPRN has committed to ensuring that its operations and all research projects/initiatives are more broadly informed by the patient and citizen perspective.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov 24   | Womens' Xchange Fall Event, Toronto, ON |
| Nov 30   | OSSU/MOHLTC Research Day, Toronto, ON   |
| Dec 17   | Pragmatic Trials Methods Training       |
| — 2017 — |   |
| Mar 7    | Pragmatic Trials Workshop, Toronto, ON  |
| Mar 8,9  | CTO Conference, Toronto, ON             |

## STRENGTHENING WORKSHOP: POR CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES

OSSU's Capacity Building Working Group organized a **Strengthening Workshop** on September 29<sup>th</sup> for successful LOI applicants to the Patient-Oriented Research Capacity Building Initiatives Awards competition. Dr. Moira Stewart led the session which featured presentations by the nine shortlisted applicants and OSSU resource centres and working groups. Participants also benefited by working in breakout groups focused on patient engagement, adult learning pedagogy principles, and sustainability. Once completed, these online patient-oriented research capacity building initiatives will provide additional capacity. Awards will be announced on Thursday, November 24, 2016.

## INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

The Partnership for Health System Strengthening's program on Patient-Oriented Health Research & Innovation (comprising the Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation, McMaster Health Forum and the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute) hosted three guest speakers from the UK recently: Dr. David Ford on data linkage; Dr. Chris Henshall on linking into policy and management; and Dr. Vikki Entwistle, on why partnership working raises radical challenges for clinicians and researchers.

## CANADIAN SCIENCE POLICY CONFERENCE 2016:



OSSU — represented by Assistant Director Eddy Nason and Ottawa Methods Centre Lead Dr. Dean Fergusson — presented with the Alberta and BC SUPPORT Units as part of a panel chaired by CIHR on "Evidence-based decision making in health policy and practice" at the 2016 Canadian Science Policy Conference on November 9<sup>th</sup>. OSSU highlighted the role of IMPACT Awards in linking patient-oriented research to Ontario health priorities.

## OSSU AT THE CANADIAN HEALTH WORKFORCE CONFERENCE

OSSU hosted a plenary session at the 2016 Canadian Health Workforce Conference in October at the Shaw Centre in Ottawa, Ontario. The plenary session focused on different perspectives on patient engagement in health research. Panelists included Ms. Sarah Boesveld (PhD Candidate, McMaster University), Mr. Brian Clark (Chairman and Patient Advisor, Patient Advisors Network), Dr. Arthur Sweetman (Professor, Department of Economics, McMaster University) and Dr. Vasanthi Srinivasan (Executive Director, OSSU).



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