

OSSU UPDATE



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PATIENT PARTNERSHIP

OSSU's Patient Partnership Approach

Patient Partnership is a central tenet of SPOR – something that OSSU advances by integrating patient partnership into its governance and management approaches. This includes patient representation on governance groups, a commitment to patient engagement for all Research Centres and demonstration projects, and a strong patient-partnership working group.

One major aspect of this approach is to support Dr. Julia Abelson (CHEPA) as she develops a resource guide on patient engagement for research teams and networks (available at ossu.ca). The guide:

- 1) Clarifies key concepts and terms relevant to involving patients in health research.
- 2) Examines the efficacy of engagement approaches in relation to process and outcomes.
- 3) Assembles an international selection of resource documents focused on various approaches to patient involvement in research.



Dr. Julia Abelson speaks about Patient Partnership at the OSSU Showcase in June 2015.

WORKING GROUPS

Patient Partnership Working Group

OSSU's Patient Partnership working group is engaging patients and patient views across the full remit of OSSU activities. In its autumn meeting, the group identified several priorities for the coming months, including: providing input into patient engagement approaches for IMPACT Award projects; advancing efforts to develop curricula to support patient engagement in research, and hosting a workshop with IMPACT Award winners on patient partnership approaches.

Capacity Building Working Group

The OSSU Capacity Building working group has updated its compendium of patient-oriented research courses available across Ontario's post-secondary education system, and is exploring new capacity enhancing approaches for Ontario's patient-oriented research effort.

IMPACT AWARDS

Targeted Awards

Two of OSSU's Research Centres have launched targeted IMPACT Award calls.



The Ontario Child Health Support Unit (OCHSU) is running a **Child Health** call with the following priority areas: Prevention; High burden child health care in the hospital, community and at home; and Child health system integration, sustainability and patient safety.



The Health System Performance Research Network (HSPRN) has launched a call on **Home & Community Care** with a focus on transitions between institutional and community care settings.

Patient Partnership

IMPACT Award winners are currently developing their patient partnership approaches, with PHRI's Hip-Attack combining strategic and instrumental approaches to patient partnership. Their approaches include the use of Patient and Family Governance Auditors, a Patient Partnership Planning Workshop for multiple stakeholders in Hip-Attack, and a patient outcome prioritizing analysis for the trial.



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OSSU's collaboration with Healthy Debate coincides with the launch of Healthy Debate's new "Faces of Healthcare" feature, which focuses on the experience and views of patients on healthcare issues. OSSU will work with Healthy Debate to further the engagement of patients and other key stakeholders, by communicating and facilitating conversations on health research issues identified through SPOR activities and those most relevant to patients.

HEALTHY DEBATE

OSSU has joined forces with Healthy Debate (healthydebate.ca), a website featuring stories

OTTAWA HOSPITAL RESEARCH MEETING

In October, OHRI – one of OSSU's 12 Research Centres – held a week of research-related presentations, with a strong focus on the role of patients.



OSSU Executive Director Dr. Vasanthi Srinivasan presented on the SPOR initiative, amid a half-day program on POR that also included patient presentations, IMPACT Award applicants and links to international standards on patient engagement. OHRI also held an evening community mobilization session for patients interested in research.



PIHCI lead Dr. Geoff Anderson and OSSU Executive Director Dr. Vasanthi Srinivasan sign the Support Unit-Networks MOU.

These projects cover a variety of subjects, including palliative care, EHRs, and high-cost health system users.

Applications for SPOR's chronic disease networks have been submitted, with OSSU providing letters of support for a number of applications. Successful network applicants will be notified in February 2016.

SPOR NETWORKS

OSSU and the Ontario Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (PIHCI) network signed an MOU during the summer that aligns the patient-oriented research support of OSSU with the POR activities of the SPOR Networks. This MOU is now being used as a template for Support Unit-Network interactions across SPOR.

Ontario's PIHCI network has received *Quick-Strike* funding for three Ontario projects and two projects with Ontario co-investigators (of 7 funded projects).

PIHCI Quick Strike Grants



IN BRIEF

Northern Research Strategy Planning

The OSSU Executive Director presented to the Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute Board "2020 Strategic Planning" retreat on the future of health research in Ontario and its alignment with patient-oriented research.

PROMS demonstration project

In association with Patients Canada, OSSU is funding a project led by Dr. Sam Vaillancourt to develop patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) for patients visiting the Emergency Department (ED). The project involves working with physicians and patient representatives in Anglophone and Francophone communities (there will also be a focus on urban Aboriginal populations). This project is now working with ED patients at St. Michaels Hospital in Toronto and Hôpital Montfort in Ottawa.



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