

# OSSU UPDATE



Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit Newsletter

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## FIRST NATIONS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) and two Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit centres, the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) and the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research (CRaNHR), collaborated to host the inaugural **First Nations Health Research Symposium** designed to help develop an Ontario First Nations health research agenda. Participants at the Symposium included Ontario-based First Nations community representatives, health service providers, researchers, policy makers, knowledge users, SPOR IMPACT grant recipients working in First Nations communities, the OSSU Aboriginal Health Working Group members, and the COO First Nations Data Governance Committee.



Dr. Alex M. McComber  
Kahnawake Mohawk Territory

This highly successful event, held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Toronto, served to lay the foundation for a community-driven health research agenda with particular focus on the use of health data-sets established through the partnership. A report is currently under development which will be posted on the OSSU website ([www.ossu.ca](http://www.ossu.ca)).

## PATIENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

On Friday, March 4, OSSU hosted the **Patient Partners Advisory Knowledge Exchange Workshop** in Toronto to discuss patient engagement in health research. Sixty-seven patients and researchers attended the one day event to hear exciting examples of engagement currently in place in Ontario and to identify the top barriers to and opportunities for meaningful patient engagement in health research. Participants shared successes and challenges related to patient engagement and identified strategies to further promote the approach. Attendees were enthusiastic about the work done at the workshop and a full report is currently under development for publication on the OSSU website ([www.ossu.ca](http://www.ossu.ca)).

*Really appreciate the fact that patients were given a REAL voice in your meeting and that other members, doctors, researchers were in the room with us.*

Patient feedback

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## CIHR ANNOUNCES FIVE NEW SPOR CHRONIC DISEASE NETWORKS

CIHR announced five new health research networks at a ceremony at McMaster University with the President of CIHR, Dr. Alain Beaudet, and the Federal Health Minister, Hon. Dr. Jane Philpott. These networks represent an investment of over \$62 million from CIHR in its Strategy for Patient Oriented Research (SPOR). OSSU is welcoming each of the new networks into the fold and will be working with these networks in the near future. Awards can be found on the CIHR [website](#).

(Program: SPOR Networks in Chronic Disease; Competition: 201510).

# MASTERCLASS ON THE CONDUCT AND USE OF PATIENT ORIENTED RESEARCH

The first **Masterclass on the Conduct and Use of Patient Oriented Research** was held on April 18-20. With over 50 participants drawn from four groups -- patients and families, healthcare providers, policymakers and managers, and researchers and research trainees -- the Masterclass was a resounding success. Sessions were specifically designed to empower participants in each group to become champions of POR and mentors for those just starting to become engaged in POR.

Dr. John Lavis (McMaster Health Forum), key patient partners and collaborators from other OSSU centres developed and delivered this first-of-its-kind course. Participants remarked on the richness of the research environment when patients are fully engaged as valued team members. The wealth of experiential knowledge they bring to the table strengthens the evidence used to support health care policy and decision making.

Two additional Masterclasses are planned: one in November 2016 and another in November 2017. If you are interested in learning more about the Masterclass, contact the OSSU Coordinating Centre at [ossu@ossu.ca](mailto:ossu@ossu.ca).



## ONTARIO CHILD HEALTH SUPPORT UNIT (OCHSU) TARGETED IMPACT AWARDS

OSSU is pleased to announce the successful applicants to the Ontario Child Health SUPPORT Unit (OCHSU) awards competition recently held. The awards represent a \$1.5 million investment by OSSU into child and youth health. The following proposals will be funded for 2 years:

*Addressing obesity and mental health outcomes in toddlers at risk: a pragmatic randomized controlled trial comparing usual care to group-based parenting and home visits in primary care*

Catherine Birken, The Hospital for Sick Children

*Complex Care for Kids Ontario (CCKO): A Province-Wide Integrated Care Intervention for Children with Medical Complexity (CMC) using a Patient-Engaged Evaluation Framework.*

Nora Fayed, Queen's University

*A cluster randomized controlled trial in Ontario hospitals providing maternal/newborn care to determine effectiveness of a parent-targeted educational video for improving newborn pain treatment.*

Denise Harrison, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario

*Comparing the Effectiveness of a New Screening and Triage Process vs Standard Practice in Matching Mental Health Services to Needs Among Aboriginal Youth Living On-Reserve.*

Nancy Young, Laurentian University

*Assessing timely return to exercise for pediatric concussion patients (PedCARE) Pediatric Concussion Assessment of Rest and Exertion (PedCARE); a RCT.*

Roger Zemek, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario

## OSSU EVENTS

May 30	OSSU Researcher Symposium, Sudbury, ON
Jun 1	Trillium Primary Health Care Research Day, Toronto, ON
Jun 13-14	KT Canada, Toronto, ON
Jun 28-29	Forum: Institute for Knowledge Mobilization, Toronto, ON
Nov 7-9	POR Masterclass, Toronto, ON
Nov TBD	Pragmatic Trials Workshop, Toronto, ON

## PATIENT-ORIENTED RESEARCH CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE AWARDS

### New Funding Opportunity

OSSU is offering awards of up to \$35,000 for online training initiatives focused on training patients and their families, health care providers, policy makers, managers, and researchers and research trainees in patient oriented research. Letters of intent are due on **Wednesday, June 1, 2016**. Details of this funding opportunity can be found at [www.ossu.ca](http://www.ossu.ca).

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