



Patient Partner Preparation

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Thank you for expressing interest in an upcoming engagement opportunity!

Your name and contact information have been shared with the Health Care Partner who is leading the engagement opportunity and they will be in touch with you to arrange a preparation session. This is usually done by teleconference but may also be done in-person, and usually takes about 30 minutes.

Preparation Session

The preparation session is held prior to you confirming and participating in an engagement opportunity. It is a chance for you to meet the health care partner (HCP) and other patient partners, learn more background information, review expectations, and have your questions answered. Use this session to ensure that you have enough information to confirm if you want to participate. This is also a chance for the HCP to ensure you bring the experience they are looking for on their team.

Topics Covered

- Introductions – The HCP will introduce themselves and ask you to introduce yourself and briefly explain why you are interested in this opportunity.
- This is the time to learn: What additional background information do you need? Who else is involved? What to expect at the meeting(s)? Is there any reading material (agenda, minutes from previous meetings)? What is your role on the team? Is the information discussed considered confidential?

- Logistics – Do you have all the information you need to participate, such as date, time, location, parking, coverage of expenses.
- Review Health Region policies such as no scent policy
- Questions – Do you have any further questions?

Next Steps

- Please confirm with the HCP or Engagement Leader if you want to participate.
- Please communicate directly with your HCP regarding meetings etc. If you can't attend a meeting, please let the HCP know.
- The Engagement Leader will check in periodically, feel free to contact with questions. If at any time you choose not to be involved, let both the HCP and Engagement Leader know.
- Remember that you are participating as a patient, family member or caregiver. If you currently or in the past have worked in health care, please remember that you are wearing your patient hat!
- Evaluation – You will receive periodic evaluations from us.

Your Engagement Leader is available to support you. You can reach us at pvn@bcpsqc.ca or 1.877.282.1919

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