

**Patient Partner Engagement Opportunity**  
**Patient Partner Advisor(s) for the BC Primary Health Care Research Network (BC-PHCRN)**

**Background**

The BC Primary Health Care Research Network (BC-PHCRN) is part of the Strategy for Patient Oriented Research (SPOR) Canadian Primary Care Research Network (CPCRN). Our goal is to support discussions between government, health authorities, patients and researchers to identify priorities in health research and work towards a better health care system in BC. As the Patient Partner Advisor, you will provide guidance on research projects, proposals and events to determine alignment of our work with patient priorities.

Currently, the BC-PHCRN is seeking **two** Patient Partner Advisor(s). Initially, these positions will provide input into the development of the 2025 CHSPR conference about primary care. We are looking for Indigenous, racialized minority persons with experiences in primary care, to learn from their diverse perspectives.

**Further Role Opportunities**

- Provide guidance and feedback on BC-PHCRN research projects, proposals and events.
- Support and advise on the creation of the BC-PHCRN Patient Partner Advisory Council.
- Contribute your perspectives and experiences of being a patient in BC, on the BC-PHCRN and pan-Canadian (CPCRN) patient council.

**Level of Engagement**

- This is a collaborative opportunity. The promise to you is the BC-PHCRN will incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions made towards our research and events.

**Time Commitment**

- 1-year commitment, with possibility of extension.
- Meet (virtually) 4 times a year, for 1 hour each meeting, plus approximately 3 hours per month dedicated to email and document review.
- Work will be primarily remote, including email, document review, and participating in discussions through Zoom meetings. One meeting may be in-person, based on availability.
- Honoraria, per the CPCRN patient advisory council policy will be provided to recognize time commitment and expertise dedicated to our work.
- Travel subsidy if in-person meeting is required.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Minimum 2 years experience working with decision-makers, researchers, and/or community organizations.
- Willing and comfortable to share health care experiences in a group setting.
- Comfort with public speaking.
- Have access to technology and the internet to participate in the engagement opportunity.
- Comfortable using technology to attend online/virtual meetings.
- An interest in improving health care services.
- Time to participate in the engagement opportunities (as noted above).
- Experience accessing primary care as a patient, family member, or informal caregiver (note: primary care refers to non-emergency healthcare, such as healthcare services provided by a family doctor or nurse practitioner).
- Priority will be given to interested persons who self-identify as Indigenous people to learn from their diverse experiences.
- We acknowledge that systemic racism affects all facets of society, including academic institutions, health care delivery, and health outcomes. BC-PHCRN commits to taking action based on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's directions aimed at redressing an array of historical and ongoing colonial harms affecting Indigenous peoples, and the harms of systemic racism on people of colour. We strive to create an environment where people of all identities are respected and encouraged to participate in dialogue and learning.

### Contact

Please email Shelby Elkes at [info@spor-bcphcrn.ca](mailto:info@spor-bcphcrn.ca) indicating your interest, and include a letter outlining the following:

- (1) your past experience working with researchers and/or community organizations
- (2) your lived experiences with primary care

We look forward to connecting with you!