



Patient Partnership Plan

Partnering with patients is essential to realizing OICR's vision of *Cancer Solved Together*. The OICR Strategic Plan 2021-26 describes OICR's commitment to integrating patient perspective and insight across its priorities, programs and processes. OICR also recognizes the insight, lived experience and contributions of patients improve research, extend its impact and centre the patient in the research process.

This Patient Partnership Plan has been co-created with the OICR Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC). The PFAC, with its mission to “amplify the voices and lived experiences of people affected by cancer to improve research and share knowledge,” defined and sought to address the interests and priorities patients have for translational cancer research. Along with the PFAC, OICR is committed to the work of implementing this plan, measuring our progress, capturing lessons and making improvements, with the ultimate aim of bringing the patient voice to research for the benefit of all.

Based on their experience of receiving care, patients may see opportunities for improvement that care providers, researchers and others don't recognize as they view their work through a very different lens.

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Patient Partnership Plan - OICR's priorities

Priority Area 1: Bring the patient voice to OICR research

Goal 1. Share patient perspectives to shape OICR and OICR-supported research and identify opportunities for patient partnership.

Objectives:

1. Facilitate patient partnership in:
 - Strategic plan development
 - Reviews of research funding applications/requests
 - Scientific Advisory Committee meetings

Goal 2. Bring together patient partners and the OICR research community to connect their experiences and learn from each other.

Objectives:

1. Incorporate patient partners in OICR research program/network/resource leadership structures where possible
2. Enable patient partnership in OICR-supported research projects
3. Share lived experiences within OICR to inspire staff and build support for patient partnership
4. Include patient partners in the planning and execution of OICR's Translational Research Conference series or equivalent institutional meetings



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Priority Area 2: Build capacity for patient partnership

Goal 1. Build and maintain a community of patient partners to provide insight, knowledge and expertise to cancer research in Ontario

Objectives:

1. Recruit patients, family members and caregivers into the OICR Patient Community
2. Forge connections with other patient groups to share best practices, explore collaborative opportunities

Goal 2. Provide the tools for effective patient partnership in OICR-supported research

Objectives:

1. Design and develop processes and resources for the education of researchers and patients about patient partnership in research
2. Conduct orientation and training for patient partners and researchers
3. Establish evaluation and feedback processes for continuous improvement of patient partnership

Priority Area 3: Knowledge sharing

Goal 1. Share OICR's collective efforts on patient partnerships

Objectives:

1. Provide communication resources and training to support PFAC's contribution to OICR communications materials
2. Communicate about OICR patient partnership to the patient and research communities, including in OICR media
3. Present the OICR patient partnership experience at webinars, conferences and/or other knowledge translation opportunities
4. Provide opportunities for the public and patients to engage with researchers and patient partners

Progress will be evaluated on an annual basis to inform future activities.



For more information:

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