

Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research
Supports & Services for

Solutions Program Child and Youth Health Focus 2023-2024

The supports outlined in this guide are available to teams
applying to the *Solutions Program* **SCPOR Focus Area only**.
(*Patient-Oriented Research*)

Introduction

This guide is intended to support your team in preparing your application. It outlines the supports and services that will be available to research teams applying for the SCPOR focus area of Patient-Oriented Research and Addiction in the Solutions Program. Please review this guide and determine the supports your team would like to access from the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR) for your project.

Teams are encouraged to read through the program guide carefully. If you have remaining questions they can be directed to scpor@usask.ca.

SCPOR Supports

SCPOR provides in-kind support to teams applying for the Solutions Program. There are **two** phases of support for Solutions research teams.

- A. **Support Provided During the Application Phase** *In-kind support offered to all research teams applying for a SCPOR focused Solutions award.*

- B. **Supports Provided to Solutions Awardees** *In-kind support provided to successful Solutions research teams.*

Appendix A

Support Provided During the Application Phase

In-kind support offered to all research teams applying for a SCPOR focused Solutions award.

Patient Engagement (PE)

Patient Partner Recruitment

Patient Engagement will support Solutions team applicants with Patient Partner recruitment. Principal Investigators can review SCPOR's Patient & Researcher Connection Site and post descriptions of their research opportunity at www.patientandresearcherconnection.ca. Patient Partners who are interested in the project will contact the research team directly.

For more information please contact: scpor.pe@saskhealthauthority.ca.



Patient Partner Recruitment Process

Looking to engage a Patient Partner on your research project? SCPOR can help! We are committed to *building capacity* for SCPOR supported research teams so they can co-design their research projects *with* Patient Partners.



➤ Research team follows up with all interested Patient Partners

➤ SCPOR's Patient Engagement team offers coaching on Patient Partner selection, including interviews, if requested.

*PRCS: Patient & Researcher Connection Site

Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) Module Trainings

SCPOR offers two modules to build foundational knowledge of patient-oriented research (POR). The SPOR training sessions are designed to give all research team members a foundational understanding of patient-oriented research and how it is different from traditional health research methodologies. This highly interactive course is designed to build mutually beneficial relationships for conducting Patient-Oriented Research by ensuring that all stakeholders, including Patient Partners, researchers, health care providers, and health system decision makers, have a common foundational understanding of Patient-Oriented Research, the research enterprise, and team dynamics. The course is designed to be delivered in a co-learning format with classes comprised of all stakeholder groups, learning together. It emphasizes group discussions that enable participants to appreciate diverse perspectives and to begin to develop relationships that may lead to successful research teams. The training is currently delivered virtually over three 1 to 1.5-hour sessions with preparatory work before each session (approx. ½ - 1 hour per session). The virtual delivery method may be subject to change post COVID-19 restrictions.

The training is available to all team members at no cost. Patient Partner honoraria will be provided by SCPOR for these sessions and do not need to be included within your budget.

The principal investigator must attend modules 1 and 2 within six (6) months of award date if they have not previously received this training. All other team members are encouraged to attend. For upcoming POR Module training dates, visit www.scpor.ca

SCPOR Patient-Oriented Research Level of Engagement Tool (PORLET)

The PORLET measures how closely a project aligns with the definition of patient-oriented research as described by the CIHR Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research. It assists grant review committees in evaluating patient-oriented research proposals, explains patient-oriented research to individuals new to this process, and aids researchers as a guide for developing projects and writing research proposals.

Download the [PORLET and Companion Document](#) and the resource [Writing Successful Patient-Oriented Research Project Proposals using the PORLET – Suggestions from Patient Partner Reviewers](#).

Tools for Patient Engagement

The Patient Engagement team and SCPOR's Patient Partners have co-created a number of resources to aid in patient engagement and the POR research project development:

- Onboarding Guides for POR Teams:
 - [Onboarding Guide for Onboarding Guide for New Patient-Oriented Research Teams](#)

- [Onboarding Guide for Patient Partners New to a Patient-Oriented Research Team](#)
- [Patient Engagement Planning Tool](#)
- [Best Practices for Virtual Patient Engagement](#)
- [SCPOR's Honoraria Policy](#)

Indigenous Research and Engagement Expertise (IREE)

Indigenous Research and Engagement Trainings

The Indigenous Peoples' Health Research Centre (IPHRC) and the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR) are pleased to offer training modules for researchers and their teams seeking to engage Indigenous communities in research. Trainings are delivered online in a self-directed format, but live training sessions can be organized for larger groups. Trainings within communities may be available but COVID-19 precautions will apply. Please connect with SCPOR's Indigenous Research Engagement team to request trainings by emailing iphrc@firstnationsuniversity.ca.

Building Research Relationships with Indigenous Communities (BRRIC) Training Module:

The Building Research Relationships with Indigenous Communities (BRRIC) training offers a diverse array of essential information covering issues such as:

- the history of Indigenous health and research in Saskatchewan
- existing policies and frameworks guiding research with Indigenous communities such as OCAP™, Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, Tri-Council Policy Statement Chapter 9
- protocol on how to engage communities respectfully and meaningfully in research projects.

The module is beneficial for faculty, researchers, patient and family advisors, health care providers, SCPOR supported research teams, students, research and health organizations, and any other individual or organization seeking to engage Indigenous communities in research. The aim of the module is to provide participants with practical skills for engaging in transformative research with Indigenous peoples that utilizes best practices to ensure research is effective and produces outcomes that benefit Indigenous communities.

Recommendation

If teams are interested in engaging with Indigenous communities and peoples, it is highly recommended prior to engagement to review the following sources:

- Online Tutorials - [Tri-Council Policy Statement \(TCPS\) 2: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans](#)
- Online Training - [Fundamentals of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession \(OCAP\)](#)

Realizing Indigenous Rights in Research (RIRR) Training

This module is a by-request training primarily directed toward Indigenous research partners, including band administrative staff; band councils; research staff; patients and patient partners; students; Indigenous community-based organizations; non-Indigenous allies seeking to support Indigenous research; and any other individual or organization seeking to engage in Indigenous community-based research or patient-oriented research.

The aim of this training module is to educate, inform, and promote Indigenous self-determination when engaging with researchers and research projects from outside Indigenous communities. The intended learning outcomes of this training include a stronger understanding of:

- the role of colonialism as a determinant of Indigenous health
- the history of health research and Indigenous communities
- the research industry and the ways it operates
- various existing frameworks that positively guide and govern Indigenous research
- how to exercise our rights and self-determination as Indigenous peoples and communities when engaging in research projects

To request this training please email iphrc@firstnationsuniversity.ca (iphrc@fnuniv.ca) or Jed Huntley, Indigenous Research Specialist at jhuntley@firstnationsuniversity.ca.

SCPOR Indigenous Research Level of Engagement Tool (IRLET)

The IRLET measures the degree to which a given project meets patient-oriented research criteria in the context of Indigenous communities. The criteria evaluated in this tool include Partnership (Indigenous Stakeholders), Knowledge into Practice, Strengths-Based Approach, and Indigenous Knowledges/Ways of Knowing. It assists grant review committees in evaluating Indigenous health research proposals, explains Indigenous health research to individuals new to this process, and aids researchers as a guide for developing projects and writing research proposals.

Download the [IRLET and Companion Document](#).

Data and Data Services

Consultations will be available to all teams interested in obtaining Data Services support for their projects. In advance of the application deadline, Data Services staff will meet with teams to assist them to:

- Determine available data sources and advise on data access feasibility and procedures,
- Determine supports required from data services (for example, data extraction and linkage, analyst support, database development, etc.),
- Assess feasibility of the proposed analysis.

Please contact dash@saskhealthauthority.ca to schedule a data consultation.

Appendix B

Supports Provided to Solutions Awardees

In-kind support provided to successful Solutions research teams. The supports listed in Appendix A will continue to be available to successful Solutions research teams in addition to the supports noted in Appendix B.

Patient Engagement

Patient Engagement Coaching and Facilitation

The Patient Engagement & Empowerment staff can coach and support teams with patient engagement questions and concerns. Coaching and support are customized to meet the needs of each Establishment awardee. Examples of support include:

- Planning, hosting, and facilitating patient or community workshops, meetings, and events
- Addressing questions about Patient Partner honoraria and adequate compensation
- Coaching and tools on co-design and meaningful patient engagement
- Review of knowledge translation materials for patient-centeredness

Patient Engagement Evaluation

The Patient Engagement team has a standardized approach for evaluating the experience of Patient Partners on research teams. Staff will collect and provide results back to each Establishment project team. This is an in-kind support provided to all Establishment grant recipients.

Indigenous Research Engagement and Expertise

The following IREE services will be available to successful applicants:

- Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP) compliance and empowerment coaching.
- [Indigenous Research Level of Engagement Tool \(IRLET\)](#) training.

To learn more, please email iphrc@firstnationsuniversity.ca.

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Data services may be provided only to Solutions Impact award recipients who received a consultation prior to application and the request was considered feasible. Data services available will be dependent on the Feasibility Assessment provided post-consultation.

Capacity Development

Affiliated Researchers Alliance

The aim of the Affiliated Research Alliance (ARA) is to support, connect, and highlight the work of researchers conducting POR in Saskatchewan. SCPOR is striving to include all researchers engaged in POR in Saskatchewan as members of the ARA and successful Establishment recipients are encouraged to apply for membership.

Members of the ARA are featured on SCPOR's website highlighting their research expertise, POR projects, and publications. Members are informed of POR networking events, trainings, and conferences, and have opportunities to network and collaborate with patients, the health system, decision-makers and other researchers in the province.

For more information and to complete an application form, visit www.scpor.ca/affiliated-researcher-alliance or email savannah.holt@usask.ca.

Access to New SCPOR Training Resources and Opportunities

Presentation

How to Create an End-of-Grant Knowledge Translation (KT) Plan

Presented by Gabrielle Zimmermann, PhD

Program Coordinator- Knowledge Translation and Implementation Science

Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit, KT Platform

Please find below a link to access a slide deck designed by Dr. Gabrielle Zimmerman which aims to provide guidance on the following objectives when creating your end-of-grant KT plan:

- Identify target audience and key messages for your research findings.
- Decide which strategy is appropriate for your research findings:
 - diffusion, dissemination, implementation
- Create a draft end-of-grant KT plan for your research findings.
- [Click here to access slides.](#)