

SCPOR SCOOP April 2017



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SCPOR Launch



Federal Health Minister Jane Philpott, as well as Paul Merriman, MLA for Saskatoon Silverspring-Sutherland, joined SCPOR and representatives from all our provincial

partners to mark SCPOR's official launch at the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre at the University of Saskatchewan campus. For more pictures and news from the event, click [here](#).

SCPOR Share the Vision Day



SCPOR SHARE THE VISION: A DAY TO LEARN AND CONNECT

May 17, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
TCU Place, Saskatoon

Come, connect with other people interested in patient-oriented research, and listen to researchers, patients, and advocates involved in this work! This conference is ideal for people already working in patient-oriented research as well as those who just want to learn what it's all about.

There is no cost to attend this event. Register today!

Please [click here](#) to register



People on the PFAC

Highlighting people from our Patient & Family
Advisory Committee for SCPOR



Patient/Family Advisor Janet Barnes

There are many ways to be involved in patient-oriented research as a patient or family member. While patients or family members may be involved directly on the research team, SCPOR also has a Patient Family Advisory Council.

Patient, family and public engagement is central to improving quality of health research, quality of health care and the health of Saskatchewan citizens.

The Patient & Family Advisory Council (PFAC) works with SCPOR to ensure meaningful and appropriate involvement of patients, families and citizens in health research policy and program development.

In this month's newsletter, we would like to highlight one of the people on our Patient Family Advisory Council - Janet Barnes. Janet was a recreational therapist in Saskatoon Health Region for 33 years. Now retired, she continues to use her skills and knowledge with the [Saskatoon Council on Aging](#).

Janet has experienced the health care system not only through her profession but also on a personal level through her father, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's. Her father also had a fall resulting in a broken hip, which led to his admission to long term care. Janet has seen how devastating the consequences of a fall can be in the elderly, which has led to her passion for her work with the Council on Aging. She volunteers with [Remembering When](#), a fire and fall prevention program for older adults.

Janet has also been involved with Dr Cathy Arnold's research on upper body strength in older adults. Through the Saskatoon Council on Aging, she was involved with helping with recruitment. When the study is done, the Council on Aging will also help with knowledge translation by informing its members of the study results and implications. This is knowledge translation in action, an important part of the patient-oriented research philosophy!



New SCPOR Staff
SCPOR is pleased to announce the addition of
two new staff members



***Introducing Kate Dunn, Program
Facilitator***

SCPOR is delighted to announce the hiring of Kate Dunn as our Program Facilitator. This position facilitates the development, implementation and evaluation of assigned SCPOR Programs. Kate will work closely with the SCPOR Platform Leads to provide support to patient-oriented research programs.

Kate studied at McMaster University where she received her Bachelors of Arts degree in Sociology and Health Studies. Her undergraduate thesis focused on One Health and the interaction between human, animal and the environmental. She then moved to Saskatoon to complete her Masters of Public Health from the

University of Saskatchewan. Kate has also completed a Knowledge Translation Professional Certificate (KTPC) from the University of Toronto.

In Kate's spare time you can find her playing ultimate frisbee, volunteering with Motionball Special Olympics, practising ballet or attempting to learn squash.

Kate is highly motivated to ensure the voice of the patients and their community are included in research. Please feel free to contact Kate by email (kate.dunn@usask.ca), phone 306-966-7656, or if you are on the U of S campus, in person at St. Andrew's College, room 208.

***Introducing Jocelyn
Ulwick, Knowledge Translation
Platform Lead***

SCPOR is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr Jocelyn Ulwick. Jocelyn started at SCPOR on April 3rd as Lead of the Knowledge Translation (KT), Training & Capacity Building Platform. Within this Platform, Jocelyn will work with SCPOR partners to build capacity to carry out patient-oriented research, develop best practices and policy changes, and deploy and test these changes across various health settings.



Jocelyn brings a diverse blend of education and experience to her role at SCPOR. She is a Saskatchewan-trained researcher and completed her Master's and PhD in the College of Kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan. Jocelyn's research focused on the social and psychological factors associated with participation in physical activity, and she has conducted studies spanning a number of clinical and non-clinical populations, knowledge user groups, and research methodologies. Both her MSc and PhD programs were funded by Canada Graduate Scholarships from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

In addition to her research training, Jocelyn also holds a Bachelor of Education and has taught at the high school and post-secondary levels. She especially enjoys working with adult learners, as they are results-oriented and have valuable personal and professional life experiences that can profoundly enrich the classroom (in-person or online) learning experience.

Prior to joining SCPOR, Jocelyn worked at the Saskatchewan Health Quality Council (HQC) as a Provincial Improvement Consultant. In this role, she was responsible for engaging health system stakeholders to support the design and development of provincial learning programs for quality improvement. While at HQC, Jocelyn also completed the Lean Improvement Leaders Training (LILT) Program, which aims to develop front-line leaders' knowledge and skills in applying quality improvement tools and methodologies.

Jocelyn is excited about the opportunity to blend her research training, teaching/instructional design experience, and skills in quality improvement at SCPOR. She looks forward to connecting with SCPOR stakeholders (patients, researchers and trainees, health providers, and system decision-makers) in the months to come and hearing about their learning and KT support needs. If you would like to reach out to Jocelyn directly, please feel free to connect with her by

email (jocelyn.ulvick@usask.ca), phone 306-966-8243, or if you are on the U of S campus, in person at St. Andrew's College, room 211.



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