

N2 Research Support Resources for SCPOR Researchers

Researchers affiliated with the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR) are able to access free of charge the research support resources offered by the Network of Networks (N2). N2 is a non-profit organization that provides resources to Canadian researchers. Resources include online training in a variety of research topics and research support tools, such as standard operating procedures for clinical research.

Because the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR) is a member of N2, all researchers at SCPOR-affiliated institutions may use the N2 resources free of charge. Institutions affiliated with SCPOR include:

- eHealth
- Health Quality Council
- Indigenous People's Health Research Centre
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Health
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- Saskatchewan's Health Regions
- University of Regina
- University of Saskatchewan

Online Training

Online training is available through N2's Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) program. Courses are available on the following topics:

- Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
- Health Canada Division 5 - Drugs For Clinical Trials Involving Human Subjects
- Biomedical Research Ethics
- Social and Behavioral Research Ethics
- Responsible Conduct of Research – Life Science
- Responsible Conduct of Research – Physical Science
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods TDG/IATA
- Privacy in Health Research

To register as a new user for the CITI program, complete the following steps:

1. Go to www.citicanada.org.
2. Click on "Register" in the upper right corner.
3. In the box under "Select Your Organization Affiliation," type SCPOR in the box and select the entry for "Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR)."
4. Continue filling in the required information on the subsequent pages.
5. When you have completed the registration, click on the "Add a Course or Update Learner Groups" link to take the courses you are interested in.

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The training for each topic consists of several modules. At the end of each module is a quiz. You must complete all modules and have an overall grade of 80% to pass the training. If you want to improve a score on a quiz, you may repeat any quiz in which you didn't score 100%. However, your first passing score (above 80%) will be the score recorded on the Completion Report (see below).

After you complete all of the modules and receive a passing grade, you may print a Completion Report which certifies that you have successfully completed the training. You can always return to the CITI website to print a new copy of your report.

Research Support Tools

N2's research support tools are available on the N2 website. Tools include standard operating procedures, quality assurance resources and research privacy guidelines.

The N2 tools can be accessed as follows:

1. Go to the N2 website, www.N2canada.ca
2. On the website, click the N2 MEMBER LOGIN button in the top right-hand corner.
3. Both the username and password are N2guest. Enter them and click the Log In button.
4. On the N2 Stakeholder Group page, the various tools are available in the  window (it may take a few seconds for the  window to appear). Click on the item for the tool you are interested in.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

The N2 SOPs are a valuable tool for improving the quality of clinical studies and for ensuring compliance with study protocols, principles of good clinical practice and applicable regulations.

If you elect to use the N2 SOPs, please note the following conditions for their use:

- You may print and use the SOPs within your own research site.
- It is prohibited to sell, distribute, export, lease, loan, or rent these SOPs to any third/external party.
- When required, study sponsors, regulatory inspectors, or auditors can be granted access to view, but not copy, the SOPs at your site.
- You should use the SOPs as they are (without changes) and not substitute your own SOPs for any of those in the N2 set. Feel free, however, to add your own SOPs for topics not covered by the N2 SOPs.
- Because we are making the SOPs available under the SCPOR membership in N2, authorization to use the SOPs is limited to those conducting research under the auspices of a SCPOR-affiliated institution.

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Access the SOPs as follows:

1. Log into the N2 website (www.N2canada.ca) as described above.
2. In the  window on the N2 Stakeholder Group page, click the “SOPs and associated Tools and Documents” folder.
3. Click the “SOPs” folder.
4. To access the clinical research SOPs, click the folder name that contains the current version number and effective date, e.g., “Current V6 effective May 2015.”

You can also access Research Ethics Board SOPs developed in collaboration with the Canadian Association of Research Ethics Boards (CAREB) by clicking the current “N2 CAREB REB SOPs” folder.

5. Click the “English” or “French” folder.
6. Click on the desired SOP to download and view it.
7. Alternatively, you access the SOPs by clicking on the red “**the SOP information**” link above the  window.

If you use the N2 SOPs, please email the contact for SCPOR’s membership in N2, Scott Corley, at scott.corley@usask.ca. He will notify you whenever there is a password change, when N2 makes new SOPs available, and when N2 updates existing SOPs. Also, you can contact him if you have questions or comments about any of the N2 resources.