



SCPOR Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research

Call for Patients, Family Members and Community-based Organizations For a Speed Networking Event in Patient-Oriented Research

There is an opportunity for patients, family members and community-based organizations to meet and network with researchers, clinicians, health system workers and others interested in pursuing patient-oriented research. The event will be hosted November 26, 2018 in the Health Sciences D-Wing Atrium at the University of Saskatchewan.

The intent of the session is:

- To create an opportunity for discussions and networking between patients, community groups, researchers, the health system, clinicians and others interested in patient-oriented research.
- To create new ideas for patient-oriented research projects that meet needs identified by patients, families and community-based organizations.

Organization: This opportunity is being offered by the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR). Patient-oriented research is research done in partnership with patients, their families, caregivers and communities that answers research questions that matter to patients, and aims to improve health care. Patient-oriented research includes two critical elements. The first is patient-oriented research teams, which include patients and family members as partners in the grant writing and research process. The second is the inclusion of decision makers (including policy makers and health authority leaders) and health care practitioners throughout the research process. The goal of this way of doing research is to have patients, families, clinicians, researchers and policy-makers work together to identify research topics, do the research and then use the results of that research to improve patient care and the health system.

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Role Overview:

Patients, families, community-based organizations and all other attendees will be given a brief introduction to patient-oriented research. After this, there will be a structured speed networking activity that attendees will participate in.

Each attendee will have an opportunity to share your name, the group you are affiliated with (patient, family, community organization, etc.) and your research interests or areas you would like to help change with a partner. Each partner will have a few minutes to exchange their information. After this, everyone will switch partners and repeat the process with a new attendee. Each conversation will only last a few minutes. The goal is to determine if there is potential to make a new research connection. After the speed networking activity, there will be free time to network with anyone you may want to re-connect with. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

The event is free to attend; however, we ask that you [register for the event here](#)

Knowledge, Experience, Skills:

Ideally, patients, families and community organizations will have recent experiences with health or the health system that they are interested in pursuing research in. Attendees are not required to have a research question, but we will ask that you identify your interests upon registration (i.e. aging, cancer treatment, inflammatory bowel disease, kidney disease, long-term care, etc).



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Responsibilities: We ask that you come prepared to the event with your 'Elevator Speech'. We encourage all participants to keep their elevator speech to 1 minute, focusing on general research interests. See the below template:

Name:

What group would you place yourself in? (Patient and Family Advisor, Researcher, Community Organization, Clinician, etc.):

Research interests or what you want to see changed in healthcare:

Time Commitment: November 26, 2018 4:00-6:00 PM, with the opportunity to stay for open networking and light snacks following the event.

Length of Commitment: Individuals are asked to attend the session, engage in the conversations and contribute to evaluating the effectiveness of the networking event.

What can you expect from the SCPOR staff?

- Staff will be available to answer any questions and to help eliminate any barriers to you participating.
- Staff will provide eligible patients, families and community-based organizations with an honorarium for participating and reimbursement for parking costs.
- After the event, staff will provide a summary of the outcomes to attendees
- Staff will invite you to join the SCPOR Scoop Newsletter, which highlights opportunities for future connection with SCPOR.

Orientation Provided: No formal orientation is required to attend this event.

Supports available to participate: Patients, families, as well as volunteers with lived experience from community-based organizations may be eligible for honoraria and parking reimbursement in recognition of time and costs incurred to attend the event. Those eligible are individuals who have recent experiences with the Saskatchewan healthcare system as a client, resident, patient or family member. They volunteer their time to provide their perspectives and input into the delivery of healthcare services, research, policies and facility design.

SCPOR is not able to provide travel or hotel reimbursement for attendees residing outside of Saskatoon. This is a pilot event and depending on its success, there may be another opportunity in Regina available at a later date.

If you would like to learn more about honoraria or have questions about the event, please contact Charlene Haver, SCPOR Methods Platform Lead:
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