

PARTNERS



How can we help you?

For more information and to apply for SPOR SUPPORT services:

absporu.ca

For more information about the federal SPOR SUPPORT initiative:

cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/41204.html



Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE AND PATIENT-ORIENTED RESEARCH AND TRIALS



Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Alberta are fostering research into care by putting patients first.



What is the Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit?

- We are a virtual network of services, expertise and resources providing support to increase the quantity and quality of patient-oriented research in Alberta and the Northwest Territories.
- We offer services (rather than research operating grants) to support patient-oriented research from initial concept through to activities associated with close of a study.
- We have a five-year, \$48 million provincial-federal partnership (2015-2020).
- We are part of a national network of SPOR SUPPORT Units and disease networks.

Why was the Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit created?

- Patients want a stronger voice in healthcare research.
- To ensure that evidence from research is used in care.
- To ensure that the needs of patients and the health system are addressed by research.
- To make health research more responsive to healthcare system priorities focused on improved patient outcomes.
- Our goal is to enable a cultural change in patient-oriented research that values all stakeholders and leads to improved patient health outcomes and an enhanced patient health system experience.

The Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit has seven core areas of expertise:



PATIENT ENGAGEMENT led by Dr. Virginia Vandall-Walker aims to support patient engagement in research.



METHODS SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT led by Dr. Hude Quan aims to support researchers in developing innovative research methods for undertaking patient-oriented research.



KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION led by Dr. Lisa Hartling aims to advance understanding in how to translate evidence into practice.



PRAGMATIC CLINICAL TRIALS jointly led by Dr. Michael Hill and Dr. Lawrence Richer aims to provide expertise for completing real-world clinical trials which may change health outcomes.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT jointly led by Dr. Dean Eurich and Dr. Marilynne Hebert aims to enhance training and career development in methods and health service research.



CONSULTATION & RESEARCH SERVICES led by Dr. Ross Tsuyuki aims to provide you with the tools, resources and expertise necessary for the successful completion of patient-oriented research.



DATA led by Dr. Finlay McAlister aims to provide you with the support and resources for undertaking patient-oriented research using secondary analysis of existing large datasets.