

Primary Health Care Research Day

June 17, 2019

Collaborative Health Education Building, Dalhousie University, Halifax

The theme of Primary Health Care Research Day 2019 is “Using what we know: Implementing research into practice and policy.” Patient involvement is an integral part of Primary Health Care Research Day and we are proud to announce it is recognized as a Patient Included event.

Please visit the **Patients Included Website** for more information.

<https://patientsincluded.org/conferences/>

The Patients Included status is self –assessed and based on meeting all five of the charter clauses.

- 1. Patients or caregivers with experience relevant to the conference’s central theme actively participate in the design and planning of the event, including the selection of themes, topics and speakers.**

The Primary Health Care Research Day (PHCRD) planning committee includes two patients who are fully involved in the design and content of the conference and will have active roles throughout the day. They also help to identify speakers and aid in the review of abstracts. In their role on the planning committee, they have advised on ways to advertise the conference to patients and have contributed ideas on how to make the day more patient-friendly.

- 2. Patients or caregivers with experience of the issues addressed by the event participate in its delivery and appear in its physical audience.**

Patients will be encouraged to attend our pre-conference round table discussions, called “Brewing Ideas” as participants, and at least one patient partner will be asked to co-facilitate each topic. The purpose is to provide an opportunity to create new, collaborative research teams with the goal of creating a research question and applying for research funding. Seats for patients will be reserved to ensure patient representation in the discussions. In this format, small groups will have the opportunity to discuss an idea and to come up with next steps for moving the idea forward. The organizers will help these groups set up future meetings and make connections with other people who may be interested in the topic.

Patient partners will be invited to participate in our planned panel on implementing research in Nova Scotia, along with researchers and health system managers.

Abstracts for posters and presentations are encouraged from patient participants. A staff member will act as a contact person for patients who need assistance with abstract submission or poster creation. All attendees are encouraged to use plain language when submitting their abstracts, creating their posters and doing presentations and a plain language guide will be provided to everyone with an accepted abstract.

Patient participants will take part in the full agenda on Primary Health Care Research Day.

- 3. Travel and accommodation expenses for patients or carers participating in the advertised programme are paid in full, in advance. Scholarships are provided by the conference organisers to allow patients or carers affected by the relevant issues to attend as delegates.**

We are pleased to offer two bursaries to members of the public who identify as having been in the role of a patient or caregiver, who have an interest in patient engaged research as either as a patient or caregiver and are interested in improving the Nova Scotia healthcare system through evidence-based research. This bursary includes registration, travel costs, accommodations, and meal per diems not covered during the event. These travel and accommodation expenses for those who receive the bursary will be paid in full, in advance. Based on the number of applications we receive, we may be able to waive registration fees and provide parking and/or local transportations costs for additional patient/caregiver participants. Please visit the following link to apply for one of these bursaries.

<https://register.eSourceEvent.com/PHCRD19Burs>

- 4. The disability requirements of participants are accommodated. All applicable sessions, breakouts, ancillary meetings, and other programme elements are open to patient delegates.**

The venue itself and all rooms are wheelchair accessible and all sessions are open to anyone in attendance. Seats near the front of the room can be reserved for people with visual and/or hearing impairments.

Dietary restrictions will be accommodated, and participants will have the opportunity to identify them in advance.

The event will be advertised as scent-free.

One of the breakout rooms will be designated as a quiet room for anyone attending the conference. This room will allow people the opportunity to relax, take a break from the conference and offers some privacy. Any time that this room is not available will be clearly marked on the agenda and will be announced at the conference.

5. Access for virtual participants is facilitated, with free streaming video provided online wherever possible.

Remote access to applicable sessions will be available at no charge throughout the day. Portions of the agenda that are available remotely will be indicated in advance of the conference and details will be sent in advance. Our team members will be monitoring Twitter for the hashtag #PHCResearchDay throughout the day, to respond to any tweets from virtual participants.

If you have any questions, please contact bricns@dal.ca or (902)-473-8037