

**OVARIAN  
CANCER**  
CANADA

# **OPEN FUNDING CALL FOR OVARIAN CANCER RESEARCH IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Information session for researchers

October 1, 2024

# TODAY'S AGENDA



- ❖ Context setting – feedback from Saskatchewan patients, OCC priorities
- ❖ Overview of eligibility criteria, application requirements, funding available, key dates + review process
- ❖ Open for Q&A

# OVARIAN CANCER CANADA KEY PRIORITIES



## RESEARCH CONTINUUM

Research capacity



Discovery research



Pre-clinical studies



Clinical trials

## OC CARE CONTINUUM

Prevention



Early detection



Treatment



Survivorship

# OVARIAN CANCER CANADA KEY PRIORITIES

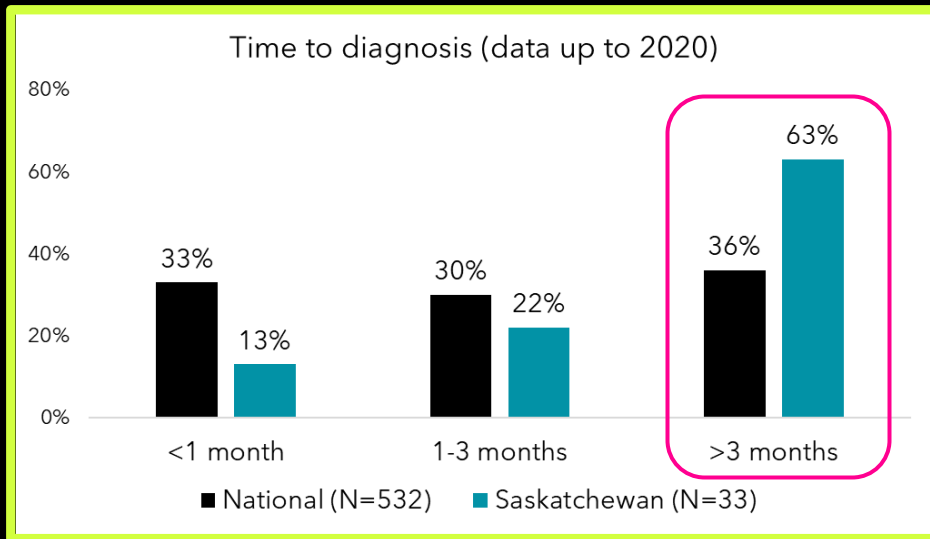
***Overarching  
priorities for  
SK investment***

**Fund the best ovarian  
cancer research in the  
province**

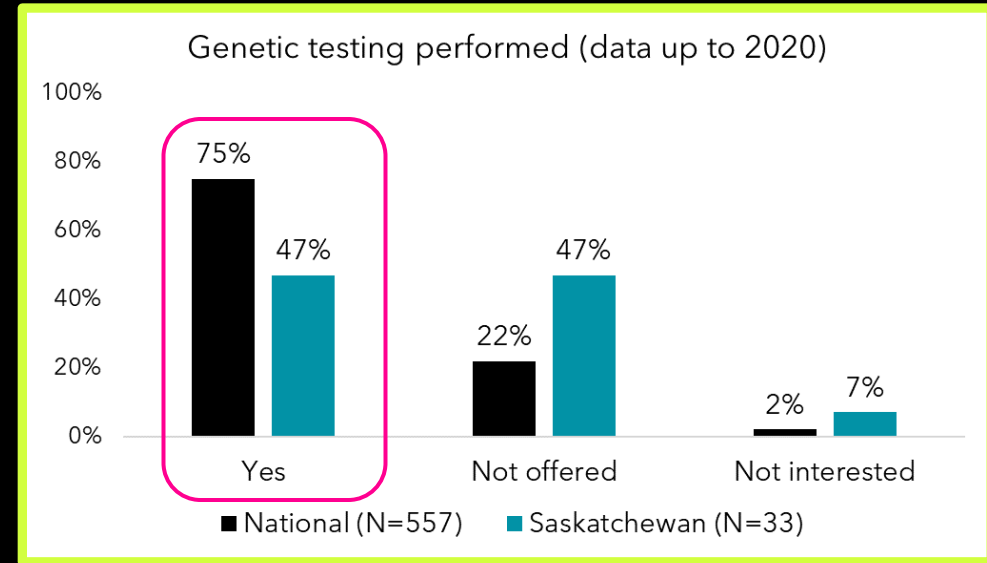
**Increase clinical trial  
activity in  
Saskatchewan**

**Identify gaps in  
patient access to  
treatment & care**

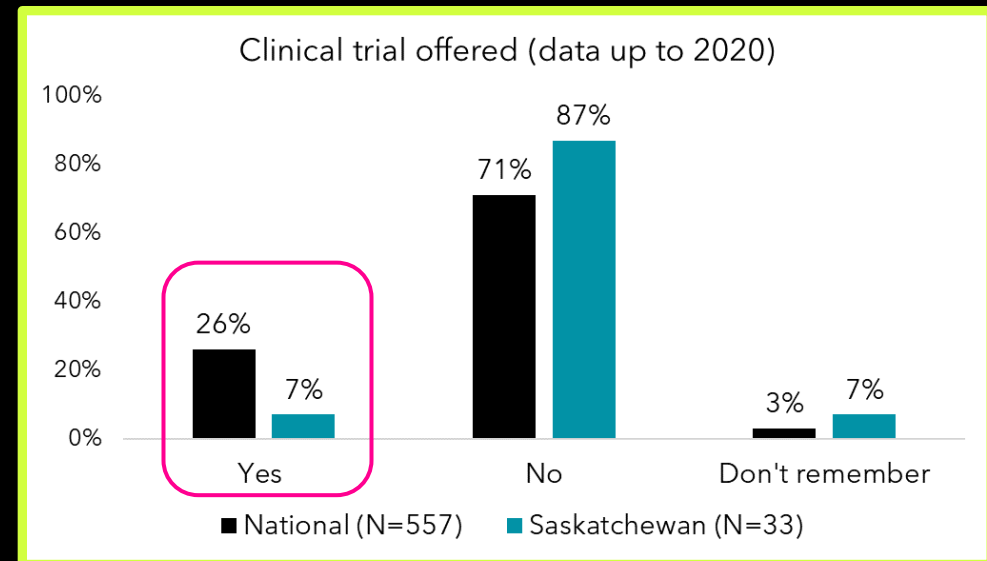
# FEEDBACK FROM SK PATIENTS



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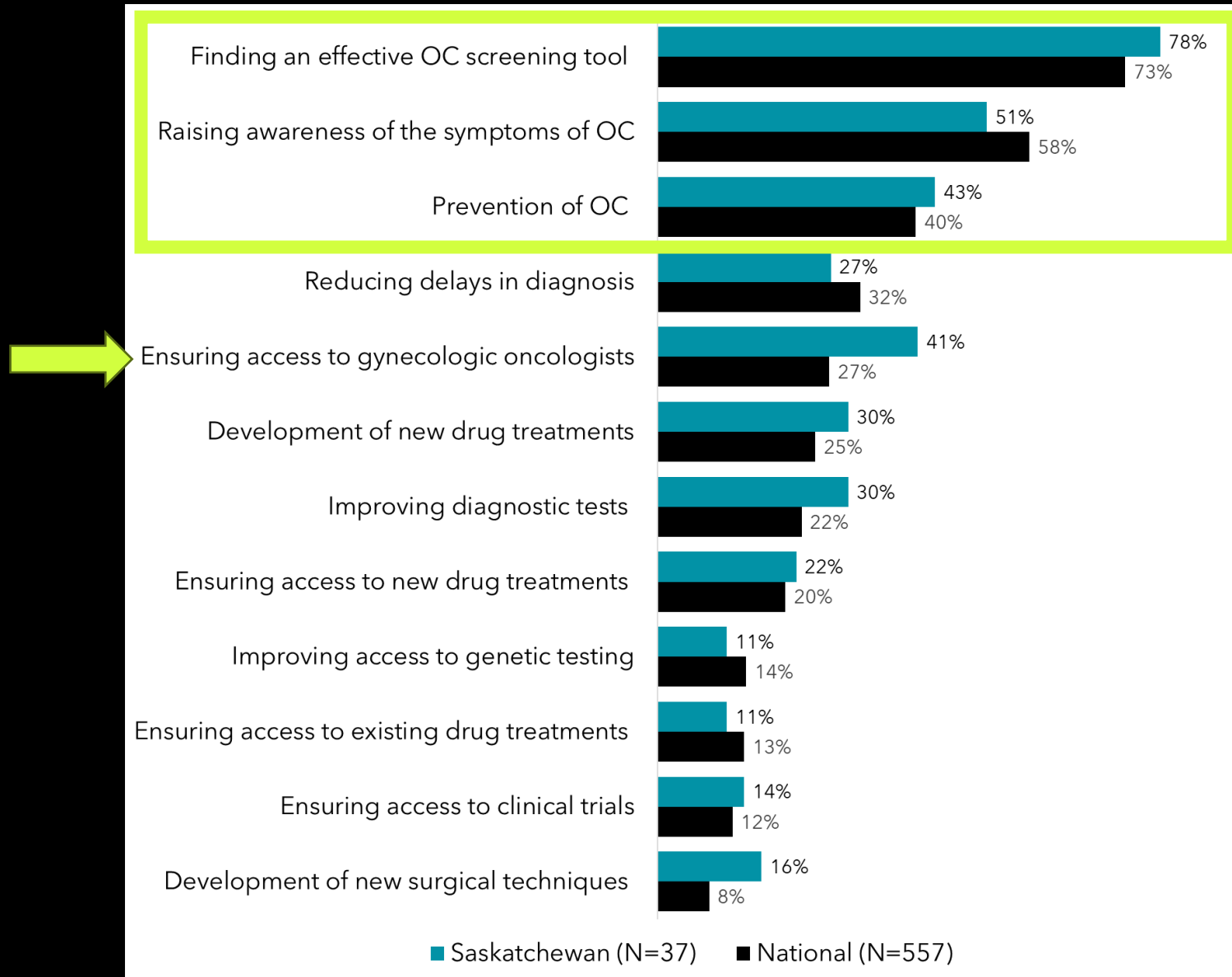


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# FEEDBACK FROM SK PATIENTS



# COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



- ❖ Open to **all clinical and scientific researchers** studying ovarian cancer in Saskatchewan.
- ❖ Our goal is to fund the most **innovative and impactful** projects and initiatives with the greatest potential to benefit ovarian cancer patients in the province.
- ❖ Projects of **all types**, at **all stages of research**, and **throughout the ovarian cancer continuum** are eligible to apply.

# TYPES OF PROJECTS MAY INCLUDE (BUT NOT LIMITED TO):



- ❖ Discovery-based, pre-clinical or translational research
- ❖ Clinical trials - traditional + pragmatic
- ❖ Correlative studies on longitudinally collected clinical trial biospecimens
- ❖ Patient-centered surveys or focus groups
- ❖ Research on social determinants of health in relation to the ovarian cancer experience
- ❖ Collection and analysis of relevant health administrative data
- ❖ Implementation research
- ❖ Scientific resources e.g., research models, tissue banks, clinically-annotated biorepositories



# EVALUATION CRITERIA



- ❖ Project fit
- ❖ Scientific merit/research strategy
- ❖ Potential for impact
- ❖ Qualifications of research team/research environment
- ❖ Innovation/novelty
- ❖ Patient engagement
- ❖ Clarity of communication
- ❖ Readiness
- ❖ Strength of supporting/preliminary data
- ❖ Budget & timelines

# BUDGET & STUDY TERM



- ❖ Total funding envelope of \$825,000
- ❖ Can apply for 1, 2 or 3 years of funding
- ❖ Recommended budget ranges based on study types, but no minimum/maximum enforced:

Research stage	Budget range/project
Discovery/translational	\$100,000-\$200,000
Clinical trials	\$250,000-\$500,000
Patient-centred surveys/focus groups	\$20,000-\$50,000
Scientific resources (e.g., research models, tissue banks, biorepositories)	\$10,000-\$50,000

# ELIGIBLE EXPENSES



- ❖ Salary support to staff or trainees responsible for the work;
- ❖ Research consumables and service costs (e.g., core facilities)
- ❖ Costs related to acquisition, processing and molecular characterization of human biospecimens;
- ❖ Costs related to sharing of materials (e.g., clinical biospecimens, research models) and data to facilitate multi-institutional collaboration;
- ❖ Costs associated with data collection and analysis;
- ❖ Costs related to engaging patients in the planning and implementation of the project;
- ❖ Publication fees up to \$4,000;
- ❖ Up to \$2,000 per year for attending meetings, seminars or conferences.

# INELIGIBLE EXPENSES



- ❖ Remuneration of Principal Applicant, Co-Applicants or Collaborators;
- ❖ Purchase of equipment, unless approved in advance;
- ❖ Indirect costs to institutions;
- ❖ Sabbatical or maternity/parental leave;
- ❖ Publication fees in excess of \$4,000;
- ❖ Meeting, seminar or conference expenses in excess of \$2,000 per year.

# APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY



- ❖ Study principal applicant/s must hold a research position at an academic institution in Saskatchewan and be able to hold research funds at their institution.
- ❖ Study co-applicants and collaborators may be affiliated with institutions outside of Saskatchewan; however, **funds must be spent within the province;**
- ❖ There are NO limits on the number of applications submitted by an applicant.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



Compile + send information to [atone@ovariancanada.org](mailto:atone@ovariancanada.org) with the subject line "OCCxSK Ovarian Cancer Competition\_lastname" by **Oct 24, 2024:**

- ❖ Simple application form
- ❖ Scientific abstract (1 page)
- ❖ Lay summary (1 page)
- ❖ Research proposal (5 pages)
- ❖ Research team (1 page)
- ❖ Budget summary & justification (2 pages)
- ❖ Figures & Tables (3 pages)
- ❖ References (no limit)
- ❖ Letters of support (institution, collaborators)
- ❖ Abbreviated CV (principal applicant, co-applicants)

# APPLICATION FORM



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### PROJECT SUMMARY

Title	
Duration	Choose an item.
Total requested budget	

### PRINCIPAL APPLICANT

Name	
Highest Degree	
Current Position	
Department, Institution, Province/territory	
Career stage. Based on number of years with a full-time appointment as an independent researcher.	Choose an item.
Research type. Which type of research do you <i>most commonly</i> conduct (select one)?	Choose an item.
Email	
Support personnel email	

### HOST INSTITUTION CONTACTS. Please enter name and email address for each, as applicable.

Financial Officer	
Grants/Contracts Officer	
Institutional Official	

### STUDY PERSONNEL. Fill out for each co-applicant and collaborator. If more space is needed, attach a list of additional team members at the end of the application document.

Name	
Role	Choose an item.
Current Position	
Department & Institution	
Email	

### APPROVALS/CERTIFICATES. Please indicate the status of the following, as applicable; approval letters must be provided to OCC prior to commencing the project.

Institutional Review Board (IRB) / Research Ethics Board (REB)	Choose an item.
Institutional Animal Care	Choose an item.
Health Canada	Choose an item.
Other	

### PRINCIPAL APPLICANT – EDI INFORMATION. Completion of this section is not mandatory. If completed, information will be anonymized and reported to the appropriate funding bodies as summary-level data only. Categories and definitions provided are in accordance with ISED Data Standards.

# RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH OCC



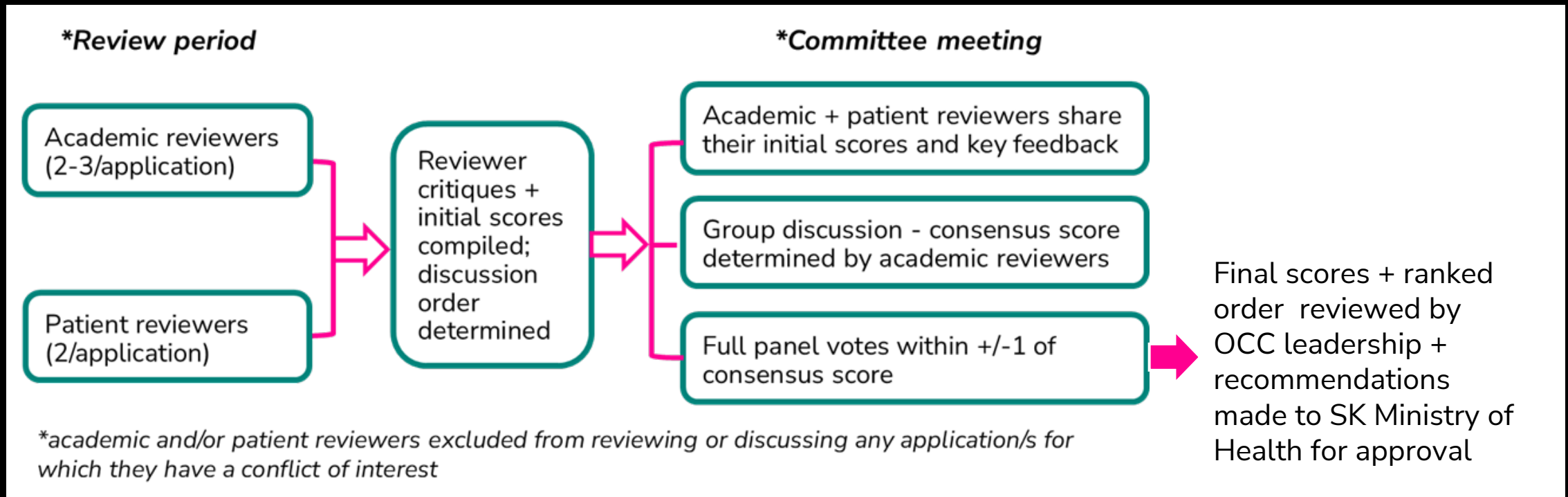
<https://ovariancanada.org/for-researchers>

- ❖ OCC Tissue Banking Network
- ❖ OvCAN Collection of ovarian cancer research models
  
- ❖ Patient Partners in Research (PPiR)
  - ✓ Patient engagement throughout the study period is required
  - ✓ We encourage (but don't require) reaching out to OCC's PPiR program to help





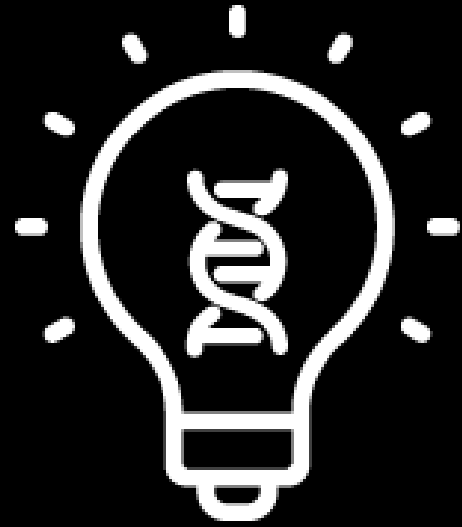
# INDEPENDENT REVIEW PROCESS



- ✓ Individuals with lived experience of ovarian cancer receive comprehensive training from OCC on how to review scientific applications and how to apply the patient scoring rubric (relevance, importance, impact, lay summary)
- ✓ All reviewers required to sign confidentiality and conflict of interest agreements



**QUESTIONS?**



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