



1) What kind of training is provided to PPIR members?

All PPIR members are required to take the Science of Cancer course by the Canadian Cancer Survivor Network (<https://survivornet.ca/the-science-of-cancer-online-course/>) and have a general understanding of both clinical and research processes. Task-specific training is also provided by the OCC team, as necessary.

2) In addition to lived experience, what kind of strengths have PPIR members been able to bring to previous research collaborations?

The PPIR team is a group of highly trained volunteers that engage in a diverse array of clinical and translational research projects with ovarian cancer trainees, clinicians and scientists across Canada. As such, PPIR members are up to date on many of the latest research developments and state-of-the-art technologies and have collectively built a wide network of collaborators in the field. PPIR members also have experience in a variety of professional backgrounds, including business administration, medicine, drug development, government relations, research, entrepreneurship and law. In this regard, PPIR members are able to combine their professional expertise and lived experiences with ovarian cancer to serve as knowledgeable collaborators in a variety of research settings.

3) Is there a limit to how many PPIR members I can collaborate with on a given project?

We typically assign at least 2 PPIR members for any type of research engagement, but if you feel the upcoming research engagement could benefit from multiple PPIR perspectives, feel free to let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate based on the availability of our PPIR members.

4) How do we get in touch?

To collaborate with members of PPIR, send an inquiry to atone@ovariancanada.org with the subject line “PPIR Research Inquiry” and a brief description of the research engagement as well as some general availability/timeframe for a follow-up meeting.

5) What do the next steps look like?

A co-lead of the PPIR program from OCC will reach out to facilitate an introductory meeting with members of the research team to discuss the project in detail with the aim of matching a team of PPIR members to your research project.

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