

# Ovarian Cancer Canada's Patient Partners in Research Program



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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

OCC's Patient Partners in Research (PPiR) program was developed in 2020 to ensure the voices of those with lived experience are at the forefront of research. Engaging ovarian cancer patients as partners reflects our philosophy that the relevance, importance, and impact of research can be enhanced with input and viewpoints of those affected by this disease.

The PPiR program aims to include a diverse representation of ovarian cancer types, age, sexuality, cultural backgrounds, and geography. The program is led by OCC's Scientific Advisor and Research Coordinator, and patient advocates.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A PPiR?



People diagnosed with ovarian cancer



People with increased risk of ovarian cancer



Caregivers



Family members/loved ones

## WHY PARTICIPATE AS A PPiR?

The PPiR program complements and maximizes the impact of cancer research conducted by OCC-supported scientists. Our patient-centred approach to research prioritizes questions that are relevant and meaningful to patients and their loved ones.

Help improve outcomes

Leave a lasting legacy

Enhance understanding of ovarian cancer

## TYPES OF RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

All members of the PPiR program are required to complete the Science of Cancer online course, in addition to task-specific training dependent on the engagement opportunity. Some examples of activities that PPiR team members participate in include (but are not limited to):

Serving as patient reviewers on grant funding (pre-clinical and clinical) and trainee award review panels

Participating as embedded research team members on OCC-funded projects (both clinical and pre-clinical)

Serving as speakers or panelists at OCC events and national and international research conferences

Participating in small interactive sessions with researchers and trainees

*"WE DESERVE A VOICE AT THE TABLE OF RESEARCHERS, ONCOLOGISTS AND SCIENTISTS. WE ARE THE ONES UNDERGOING THE CLINICAL TRIALS, ENDURING THE SIDE EFFECTS OF TREATMENTS, AND PUTTING OURSELVES ON THE LINE IN HOPES OF FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THIS BRUTAL DISEASE."*

*-Shannon Kadar, Patient Partner*

Consulting and co-developing funding proposals, patient surveys, and patient-facing educational tools

Consulting and/or co-developing PPiR program guidelines, research partnership agreements, research study design, patient decision aids, strategic planning priorities and patient engagement best practices

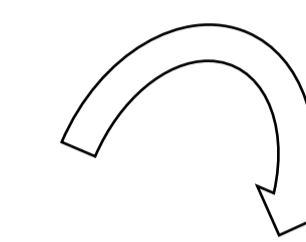
Serving on graduate student advisory committees

Participating in research and system advocacy alongside OCC staff

## WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO COLLABORATE?

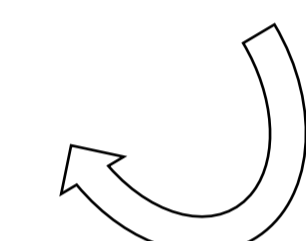
OCC believes that collaborations with patient partners can happen at any point in the research process and that it's never too early to start. Patient partner feedback can be integrated to help guide:

Project conceptualization



Project organization

Project execution



## HOW CAN I GET IN TOUCH?

For prospective patient partners:



For prospective collaborators:



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We thank all past and present PPiR members for their collaborative efforts and dedication to research.

