

## Research Partner Agreement

To build successful and meaningful partnerships between patient partners and researchers, this document “**Research Partner Agreement**” outlines the support you can expect from **Ovarian Cancer Canada** staff, who facilitate these partnerships, as well as your responsibilities as a research partner. Please review and sign this document to officially become a research partner in Ovarian Cancer Canada’s Patient Partners in Research program.

The **Ovarian Cancer Canada** staff will:

- ❖ Treat you with respect.
- ❖ Offer guidance and advice on patient engagement in research.
- ❖ Facilitate recruitment and matching of patient partners to research opportunities.
- ❖ Provide support to your research team with regular check-ins.
- ❖ Arrange a closing meeting upon completion of the research project and patient partner involvement.
- ❖ Show appreciation for your efforts of involving patient partners.

As a **Research Partner**, I agree to:

- ❖ Treat patient partner(s) and Ovarian Cancer Canada staff with respect.
- ❖ Define role of patient partner(s) in writing and ensure my research team understands their role.
- ❖ Maintain privacy and confidentiality of personal information of patient partners.
- ❖ Assign a point of contact on my research team for the patient partner(s).
- ❖ Provide patient partner(s) with the necessary resources and materials to contribute successfully with ample time for review.
- ❖ Create a safe and supportive environment for patient partner(s).
- ❖ Prepare my research team to communicate effectively with patient partner(s) (i.e., avoid using jargon, acronyms, and technical language).
- ❖ Communicate with patient partner(s) and Ovarian Cancer Canada staff in a timely manner.
- ❖ Keep patient partner(s) informed on the progress of the research study.
- ❖ Attend regular check-ins with Ovarian Cancer Canada staff and patient partner(s) (every 6 months) and provide an informal research update.

- ❖ In a closing meeting, present the results and conclusions of the research study and share how the patient partner(s) input impacted the research.
- ❖ Show appreciation to patient partner(s) for their valuable contribution.
- ❖ Provide Ovarian Cancer Canada with constructive feedback about the Patient Partners in Research program.

I understand that these commitments are a condition of becoming a **Research Partner** through the Patient Partners in Research program.

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Print Name Here

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Date

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Signature

**We value your commitment to patient engagement in research.**

**“Patient Partner”** – refers to individuals diagnosed with ovarian cancer as well as family, friends, and caregivers.

We are available to support you. Contact Dr. Alicia Tone at [atone@ovariancanada.org](mailto:atone@ovariancanada.org)

**WE ARE HERE TO DEMAND ACTION, DELIVER CHANGE, AND TRANSFORM LIVES.**

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