

## Research Partner Agreement

To foster successful and meaningful partnerships between patient partners and researchers, this “**Research Partner Agreement**” outlines the support you can expect from **Ovarian Cancer Canada** staff, who facilitate these partnerships, and 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.

Support provided by **Ovarian Cancer Canada** staff:

- ❖ Treat you with respect.
- ❖ Offer guidance and advice on patient engagement in research.
- ❖ Facilitate the recruitment and matching of patient partners to research opportunities.
- ❖ Provide ongoing support to your research team as needed.
- ❖ Organize 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.
- ❖ Clearly define the role of patient partner(s) in writing and ensure my research team understands their responsibilities.
- ❖ Maintain privacy and confidentiality of patient partners’ personal information.
- ❖ Assign a designated point of contact on my research team for the patient partner(s).
- ❖ Provide patient partner(s) with the necessary resources and materials to contribute effectively, with ample time for review (recommend at least 2 weeks).
- ❖ Foster a safe and supportive environment for patient partner(s).
- ❖ Prepare my research team to communicate effectively with patient partner(s), avoiding 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.
- ❖ Upon request, participate in scheduled check-ins with Ovarian Cancer Canada staff and patient partner(s) to provide updates on research progress.

- ❖ In a closing meeting, present the results and conclusions of the research study, highlighting how the input of patient partner(s) impacted the research.
- ❖ Show appreciation to patient partner(s) for their valuable contributions.
- ❖ Provide Ovarian Cancer Canada staff 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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Date

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Signature

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

**“Patient Partner”** – an individual with lived experience of ovarian cancer, including patients, previvors, caregivers and loved ones.

Ovarian Cancer Canada staff is available to support you. Contact Dr. Jessica Lawson at [jlawson@ovariancanada.org](mailto:jlawson@ovariancanada.org)

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