





Patient Partners' Role in Research

For a respectful and mutual partnership, communication between researchers and patient partners should be open and honest

Research Stages	The Role for Patient Partners
<p>#1 Pre-planning</p> 	<h2>Joining the Project Team</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intro to whole team with charter, roles, bios, pictures and meeting• Understand the project: topic, develop or refine the research question, current stage• Timelines for meetings, tasks, project duration• Expenses & compensation: travel, parking, honoraria • Understanding basic research language and terms: CIHR Jargon Buster: http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/48952.html • Understand the ethical requirements - TCPS 2: Core – Online tutorial for researchers detailing ethical conduct regardless of methods or area of study. https://tcps2core.ca/welcome
<p>#2 Preparatory</p> 	<h2>Finalizing the Project Plan</h2> <p>Finalize the research question, study design and protocol; complete funding applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review proposal drafts, with specific contributions to sections on patient engagement, timeline, budget and knowledge transfer• Ensure that outcomes and measures reflect lived experience• Help develop scripts and participant communication materials (consent form, emails, information letters)• Advice to help recruitment strategies
<p>#3 Execution</p> 	<h2>During the Study</h2> <p>Preparing for study start; recruitment, collect and analyze data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggestions for improving recruitment, network with patient groups• Patient perspective on study results
<p>#4 Knowledge Translation</p> 	<h2>Sharing the Study Results</h2> <p>Communicate research findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help coordinate dissemination plan• Develop public-friendly versions of results• Advise on use of social media• Co-publish in a variety of formats (Journals, blogs, newsletters)• Co-present results (webinar, conferences)



This represents that all your questions and concerns have been addressed and you are comfortable transitioning to the next stage