



Abstract Title: Let's put our lessons to use: Refining a framework for building on successful patient and public engagement in health research

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Introduction

Patient and public engagement (PPE) is a cornerstone of collaborative health research within the Canadian Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR). PPE involves drawing on the collective expertise of patients, community members, researchers, and other stakeholders to plan and conduct health research. As SPOR matures and more is learned about PPE in Canada, tools are needed to identify and assess characteristics of successful partnerships, and to provide direction on how these successes can be replicated in new settings. Useful tools must account for factors that affect replication, e.g. team roles and responsibilities, contextual factors such as location and organization.

Purpose

The purpose of this 90-minute workshop is to involve participants in refining a draft framework for scaling-up successful elements of PPE partnerships. In this context, 'scaling-up' PPE involves identifying 'what works' to make partnerships successful and what facilitates its implementation in new settings.

Approach

This workshop will utilize large and small-group activities to identify overlap between the SPOR Patient Engagement Framework (SPOR, 2014) and the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR [Damschroder, Aron, Keith, Kirsh, Alexander, & Lowery, 2009]). The SPOR Framework describes the core values of, and indicators of success for PPE, while CFIR offers a framework for identifying what facilitates and hinders scaling-up innovative interventions. Workshop facilitators will present a high-level overview of both frameworks and results of initial efforts to integrate them in our work with Patient and Family Advisors in Quality Teams in Primary Health Care in the Nova Scotia Health Authority. Participants will break into small groups to identify instances when these concepts were evident in their own work, or in prepared

case studies. The full group will reconvene to discuss how the two frameworks can inform each other and share illustrative examples.

Outcomes

This workshop will conclude with all participants contributing to a visual map of the relationships between the concepts in the SPOR framework and CFIR. An early-stage framework for identifying multi-level processes that can contribute to scaling-up successful PPE partnerships will be developed and made freely available to workshop participants, who will be invited to trial it in their own work. Participants will be invited to remain in contact to share updates and lessons learned.

Conclusion

The draft framework developed through this workshop should provide a useful starting-point for scaling-up successful PPE partnerships.

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