

Patient Partners:

How are Patient Partners involved?

There are two ways to be actively involved:

- 1 Join a Patient Circle
- 2 Get involved in a research team

What can you expect when you become a Patient Partner of the network?

- Support • Mutual Respect • Collaboration
- Inclusiveness • Core Competencies

What are Patient Circles?

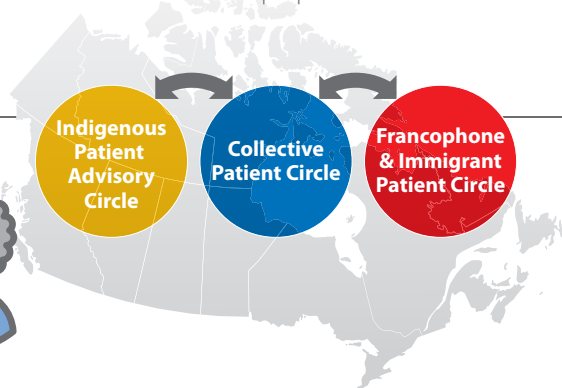
Patient Circles are composed of a diverse group of people affected by diabetes from across Canada. There are **THREE** Patient Advisory Circles:

- THE COLLECTIVE PATIENT CIRCLE
- THE FRANCOPHONE AND IMMIGRANT PATIENT CIRCLE
- THE INDIGENOUS PATIENT ADVISORY CIRCLE



What does it mean to be engaged and contribute as a Patient Partner?

Diabetes Action Canada aims to integrate the patient perspective into every step of the research process including developing research questions, defining research objectives, collecting data and evaluating results. Overall the Patient Partner's role will vary according to the contributions each individual is prepared to offer.



What does it mean to be part of the Collective Patient Circle?

- Be part of a group of 10 – 15 people
- meet approximately 8 times per year
- one in-person meeting, others by phone or video conferencing
- meetings will be in English

What does it mean to be part of the Francophone and Immigrant Patient Circle?

- Be part of a group of 6 – 8 people
- meet approximately 4 times per year
- one in-person meeting, others by phone or video conferencing
- meetings will be in French



What does it mean to be part of the Indigenous Patient Advisory Circle?

- Be part of a group of 6 – 8 people
- meet approximately 4 times per year
- one in-person meeting, others by phone or video conferencing
- meetings will be in language determined by members

How will the Patient Circles connect with each other?

At least two members from each of the Francophone and Immigrant and Indigenous Circles will also be members of the Collective Patient Circle. These designated patient partners will represent the interests of their respective Circles, as well as liaise between their Circles and the Collective Patient Circle.



Patient Partners helping guide Diabetes Action Canada's operation and administration

Patient Partners can also be a part of the Steering Council and Research Committee to collaborate with Diabetes Action Canada administrators, researchers and practitioners in directing (steering) the organization, its operations and its research objectives. Some examples of activities in this regard are:

- Advising on internal policies
- Working as full members of governance committees



Patient Partners as Research Team Members

As the field of patient-oriented research grows, research teams are looking for Patient Partners to collaborate throughout the research process in such areas as priority setting, study design, analysis and knowledge translation. Members of the Patient Circles may also be involved directly with research teams by bringing expertise from their lived experience with diabetes to research projects.



Are Patient Partners compensated? YES. In recognition for their time spent and valuable expertise, all Patient Partners that are members of Patient Circles or research teams will be compensated for their participation and contribution.

For More Information:

- On our Patient Compensation Policy please [click here](#) for English or [here](#) for French
- On SPOR Network Directors Task Force -Patient Engagement Compensation Policy please [click here](#)



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