

BC SUPPORT Unit

Advancing Patient-Oriented Research



What's Patient-Oriented Research?

Research that is done in partnership with patients, answers research questions that matter to patients, and aims to improve health care.

About the BC SUPPORT Unit



The BC SUPPORT (Support for People and Patient-Oriented Research and Trials) Unit is a multi-partner organization created to support, streamline and increase patient-oriented research throughout British Columbia.

It's one of 10 SUPPORT Units established across Canada as part of the Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR), a national initiative led by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Who's a patient?

Anyone who has experience of the health care system and/or personal experience of a health issue, and informal caregivers, including family and friends.

The Unit has two main roles:

- Providing services to patients, researchers, health care providers and health system decision makers
- Facilitating initiatives identified as provincial priorities

There's a provincial hub located in Vancouver which coordinates activities across BC and provides services to the Vancouver region. There are also four regional centres located in other regional health authority areas (Fraser, Interior, Northern, and Vancouver Island).

Current services include patient engagement (planning, training and outreach), research methods support, data access & use, knowledge translation, and training & capacity development.

More BC SUPPORT Unit activities

The Unit also created methods clusters (methodological communities of practice) to improve the science of patient-oriented research methods. The Unit also contributes to several provincial data initiatives.

For more information, please visit www.bcsupportunit.ca

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