Canadian Primary Care Research Network
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CPCRN Patient Engagement Award Scoring Rubric

Nomination Quality	Scoring Range / Definitions	Score	Comments
Were instructions for submission properly followed?	3 points possible, with 1 point for each: 1 point: A nomination letter 1 point: Document of involvement and/or contributions 1 point: Letter of Support		
Contributions to Primary Care Research Activities	1 point – Limited: • Minimal contributions documented. • Limited evidence of active involvement in primary care research activities. • Sporadic or unclear engagement. 2 points – Developing: • Some contributions to research activities are evident. • Limited range or frequency of involvement. • Participation primarily in one type of activity or intermittent engagement. 3 points – Strong: • Regular contributions to research activities with clear examples of involvement. • Participation in at least 2-3 different types of activities (e.g., presentations, publications, committee work). • Consistent engagement over time. 4 points – Exceptional: • Multiple significant contributions across various research activities (e.g., presentations at events, co-authored publications, active CPCRN/CPCRC or other committee participation). • Sustained and diverse involvement over an extended period of time. • Clear evidence of meaningful contributions to research outcomes.		

Leadership and Impact	1 point – Limited: • Minimal evidence of leadership. • Participation is primarily responsive rather than proactive with narrow scope of engagement. • Minimal participation beyond local context. • Limited documented impact on research processes or outcomes. • Limited evidence of broader recognition or reach. 2 points – Developing: • Some evidence of leadership or influence. • Primarily engaged within single organization or network. • Participates in leadership opportunities when offered but limited participation in broader forums or events. • Beginning to shape research activities or support others. • Impact and recognition is emerging but not yet fully realized. 3 points – Strong: • Clear leadership contributions and recognition within CPCRN/CPCRC or other networks (ideally two or more). • Active beyond single organization or initiative. • Demonstrates positive influence on research processes. • Actively contributes to decision-making in collaborative settings. 4 points – Exceptional: • Demonstrated exceptional leadership through initiative, innovation, and influence. • Recognized leader in primary care research committees/working groups. • Active at multiple levels (local, regional, national, international). Participation extends across diverse networks and organizations (CPCRN, CPCRC, NAPCRG, SPOR, etc.), communities or populations. • Has shaped research priorities, policies, or practices. • Mentors or supports other patient partners.		

Capacity Building and Knowledge Mobilization	1 point – Limited: • Minimal evidence of capacity building efforts. • Limited knowledge sharing or communication activities documented. • Few contributions to expanding engagement opportunities. 2 points – Developing: • Some participation in capacity building or knowledge sharing. • Limited initiative in creating opportunities. • Occasional contributions to communication or learning activities. 3 points – Strong: • Active involvement in capacity building activities. • Contributes to learning events, communication efforts, or recruitment initiatives. • Shares knowledge and experiences with others. 4 points – Exceptional: • Substantial efforts to build engagement capacity through multiple initiatives (learning events, creative communications, innovative recruitment strategies). • Demonstrates innovation in engagement approaches including the development of resources or opportunities that benefit the broader community. • Shares knowledge widely through diverse channels.		
Championing Patient Partnership	1 point – Limited: • Limited evidence of championing patient engagement. • Minimal visibility as advocate for lived experience perspectives. • Unclear commitment to partnership principles. 2 points – Developing: • Some evidence of advocacy for patient engagement. • Participates in patient partnership activities. • Beginning to be recognized for contributions to patient-centred approaches. 3 points – Strong:		

	• Known within CPCRN/CPCRC for championing patient engagement. • Regularly advocates for lived experience perspectives. • Promotes partnership principles in research activities. • Contributes to advancing patient-centred research. 4 points – Exceptional: • Widely recognized within CPCRN/CPCRC as a champion for patient engagement. • Consistently advocates for people with lived experience as full research partners. • Influences culture change toward authentic partnership. • Nurtures relationships and collaborations: engages positively, fostering trust and constructive dialogue. • Visible advocate across multiple forums.		
	Total Score		