

Adapting and Evaluating an Online Patient-Oriented Research Training Program

Why is this project important?

- This project sought to build capacity for patient-oriented research (POR); engaging patients and caregivers throughout the research process.
- The Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) is a federal organization that, among other things, funds health research. They also created an in-person course on patient-oriented research. This project adapted that course to a virtual format to make the training more accessible to stakeholders across Canada.

What did we do?

- Course participants from various stakeholder groups, including researchers, patients, clinicians, and policy decision-makers, were recruited from across Canada to participate in the adapted course.
- Participant and facilitator feedback about the course was solicited via online surveys.
- Overall, participants and facilitators were very satisfied with the course, indicating a successful adaptation from traditional to online delivery.
- Participants were especially pleased with the course's co-learning elements, which exposed them to fresh perspectives and real patient voices, as well as ample opportunity for discussion.
- Some participants offered recommendations for minor course revisions. This feedback will be used to improve future iterations of the course.

How will this help?

- This course will help build capacity for engaging patients and their caregivers throughout the research process.
- It will also help research teams to ensure that their studies focus on patient-identified priorities, which ultimately leads to better patient outcomes.



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