

The Centre for Research in Integrated Care (CRIC) Patient Advisory Council (PAC)

Why is the Patient Advisory Council important?

- Patient engagement is central to CRIC's mandate and guides our work and research projects.
- Having people with lived experience as partners in research is crucial to ensuring research remains focused on patient priorities.
- The Patient Advisory Council (PAC) was developed to guide CRIC's work and inform the centre's priorities.



What are we doing?

- Patient partners (PPs) have always been involved as members of the research team on CRIC projects.
- In the fall of 2025, four PPs involved with CRIC research projects formed the Patient Advisory Council.
- The PAC created a Terms of Reference and developed a plan to recruit and onboard new members.
- Two co-chairs were appointed: a patient partner and the centre's Associate Director.
- The co-chairs also sit on the CRIC's advisory board.
- New PAC members were recruited to reflect different geographic regions, ages, genders, and conditions.
- Two new PAC members were onboarded in the spring of 2026 with the goal of adding 1-2 more members by year-end.

How will this help?

- The PAC will advise CRIC to ensure planning and priorities reflect patient priorities.
- The PAC will support and mentor new patient partners who join CRIC research projects and initiatives.
- The members will ensure the patient voice is present in all ongoing and future CRIC initiatives.

Who can I contact?

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