Evaluating patient partnership in cardiovascular research:

A mixed-methods study

Location: Canada-wide.

Description: This research project aims to understand how patient voices are captured when conducting cardiovascular research and providing treatments and preventative care for heart diseases. It will focus on the uptake, or lack thereof, of patient engagement. To address the project aims we will conduct a two-part study: an online survey and a focus group study. To get an up-to-date perspective on patient engagement in cardiovascular research, we will recruit cardiology researchers and patient partners as their experiences are likely to provide meaningful dialogue. The results of the survey may be used to identify knowledge gaps and guide the development of future research involving patient engagement.

To recognize engagement in the study, we will provide an incentive for survey participants in the form of a raffle prize including five gift cards worth up to $100 each. Focus group participants will be compensated $75 for their time. As the study is anonymous, public recognition is not applicable. However, all anonymous data will be made publicly available on the Open Science Framework.

Language: English and/or French

Eligibility:

- We are mainly recruiting patient partners and cardiology researchers to participate in our study.
- This will include individuals who have been involved in cardiovascular research in the past 2 years in Canada.
- We will include individuals involved in any aspect of the research process (e.g., design, reporting, analysis, knowledge translation) and in any role (e.g., graduate student, investigator, statistician, clinician, patient partner).

Participant requirements:

- The online survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete, while the focus groups will take approximately 2 hours to complete.

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