BC SUPPORT Unit

What's Patient-Oriented Research?

What's Health Research?

Health research is an organized way of collecting and analysing information to understand and improve our health. We're changing health research to become more patient-oriented.

What's Patient-Oriented Research (POR)?

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

POR includes these criteria as stipulated by CIHR:

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	PATIENT-ORIENTED RESEARCH:
	Engages PATIENTS AS PARTNERS
	Focuses on PATIENT-IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES to improve PATIENT-CENTRED OUTCOMEC
	Is conducted by multidisciplinary teams in partnership with RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERC
	Aims to apply KNOWLEDGE GENERATED to improve healthcare systems & practice

Patient research partners should not be the study participants.

We define patient engagement in patient-oriented research as:

• Meaningful and active collaboration in governance, prioritysetting, conducting research, and knowledge translation. Some other terms: "Patient & Public Involvement (PPI)" "Public Participation" "Patient Engagement"

*If you'd like to learn about the Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) definitions, please see the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) website: http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/41204.html



