We champion people’s lived experience in health research to help answer questions that matter to patients.

WE PARTNER

Researchers with patients

In 2021-22, research teams we supported were awarded over $5.2 million.

Over six years, 133 scientific articles were published from research we support, of these have patient partners as co-authors.

We are supporting 16 clinicians to meaningfully engage patient, public, and community partners as part of the Health Professional-Investigator competition.

WE MOVE

Evidence developed with patients into practice

“...Engaging patients is critical in modern medicine. This patient, public, partnership review and response step is undoubtedly an essential step where researchers need to look into their proposals to ensure their research is meaningful, patient-care-orientated, and ethical. Thank you!”

QUOTE FROM AN APPLICANT TO THE 2022 HP-I AWARD
Through a partnership between the Ministry of Health, the BC SUPPORT Unit and other health organizations, teams can now access province-wide data in one secure location.

Using the Health Data Platform, researchers analyzed 5,937 calls to 8-1-1 who were seen by virtual physicians. Researchers showed that virtual physicians provide care that is comparable to in-person visits. This means 8-1-1 referrals to virtual physicians reduce emergency department use. Patients still receive the care they need.

The Health Data Platform helps researchers, governments and health authorities better understand how people use BC’s health system.

“Often, as scientists, we get wrapped up in the lab or behind the computer and begin to forget what we’re working toward. But connecting with patients helps bring us back to reality and gives the work meaning. We’re not just looking at biomarkers, we’re connecting to a real person.”

Dr. Sandy Shultz
professor, department of nursing, health and human services, Vancouver Island University

As a provincial organization, our work extends across many Indigenous lands and territories throughout British Columbia. We acknowledge with respect and humility that our Vancouver offices are located on the traditional and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səl̓ilwətaɁɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.