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 BC SUPPORT UNIT



The BC SUPPORT Unit is a part of Health Research BC. Advancing patient-oriented research is a key part of Health Research BC's efforts to catalyze change for a stronger health research ecosystem.

The BC SUPPORT Unit is a CIHR-funded provincial initiative that moves research evidence developed with patients and communities into practice.

Photo: Delores Broten, patient partner, Island Health region.

We transform how people's experiences shape health research and health care.

WE CONNECT PATIENTS AND RESEARCHERS

Since 2016, research teams we supported were awarded over **\$100 million**



In seven years, more than **160** scientific articles were published by teams we support



Over one-third of these articles have patient partners as co-authors

In 2023, over **400** patients, researchers and health system decision-makers attended the annual Putting Patients First conference

WE BUILD LEARNING COMMUNITIES

“ As a registered nurse, I approach all clinical studies I work on from the perspective of participants. I always enjoy hearing from patient partners ... and researchers who collaborate with them. I believe I have attended every conference to date and plan to attend them in the future. Thank you!

QUOTE FROM AN ATTENDEE AT PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST 2023





“ What I learned, and this is what the patients taught us, was that we are not just patients. We are people with careers. We are people with life experiences. We are people with areas of expertise that research teams need. And by the way, we’re patients. I think that’s a key piece that’s going to keep patient-oriented research moving forward differently. ”

Dr. Martha MacLeod, PhD, RN
Professor Emeritus at the University of Northern
British Columbia

WE PARTNER ON DATA ACCESS

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

The platform has supported
34 projects and links
to 27 datasets



We made the REDCap survey and database tool available to BC teams who wouldn't otherwise have access



Since 2016,
we've provided
REDCap to **264**
projects led by 101 users