Be a Patient Partner!

Alberta Health Services is shifting towards a culture of delivering patient and family-centered care. Integration of Patient-reported outcomes (PROs) improves patient-centered outcomes by collecting information from patients and caregivers about their symptoms, treatment effects, and their experiences with the care they receive. PROs are not routinely incorporated in current pediatric clinical care practices clinical practice in Alberta. To fill this gap, we aim to develop the KidsPRO system, an innovative healthcare information solution for Asthma which is the most common chronic disease among children.

We are looking for the Patient Partners to develop the KidsPRO system, an innovative healthcare information solution that will support and facilitate the integration of Patient-reported Outcomes (PROs) in routine care of children suffering from asthma, evaluated in Alberta Children’s Hospital (ACH) out-patient clinics.

**Why become a Patient Partner? ​**

Becoming a Patient Partner helps us shape the care and services being offered to the asthmatic patients at Alberta Children’s Hospital and give an opportunity to:

* Share your thoughts and ideas
* Contribute to the goal of delivering patient-centered care
* Contribute to change and transformation in clinical practices
* Work with staff and researchers to help improve care and service
* Learn about the experience of other patients/family members facing similar situations
* Take part in skill-building activities

**What Does It Mean to Be A Patient Partner? ​**

As a Patient Partner, you will:

* Support and commit to work with patients, healthcare providers, business partner and researchers to jointly develop KidsPRO.
* Focus on the goals and objectives of the KidsPRO project
* Attend orientation and training
* Assist researchers in ‘kids proofing’ research questions and reviewing study findings
* Help research team in 1) co-designing the KidsPRO; 2) co-designing the training program; and 3) participating in knowledge translation activities
* Attend meetings and other engagement opportunities with multi-disciplinary team
* Gain support from a researcher, to ensure you are well prepared to contribute to meetings and other engagement opportunities
* Participate actively in meetings, by sharing your story, feedback, experiences, and opinions

**Who Can Become A Patient Partner?**

We are interested in recruiting pediatric patients who is:

* In one of these age groups: (8-9,10-12,13-15, 16-18)
* Living with asthma in the community
* Able to attend meetings
* Able to listen well and enjoy working with others
* Able to attend supportive education and skill-building sessions that prepare him/her for this partnership
* Willing to talk about his/her own experience of living with asthma, to help develop KidsPRO

We are interested in recruiting family caregivers who is:

* The family caregiver of asthmatic patient in one of these age groups (8-9,10-12)
* Able to attend meetings
* Able to listen well and enjoy working with others
* Able to facilitate communication between researchers, other team members and the child he/she is caring for
* Able to attend supportive education and skill-building sessions that prepare him/her for this partnership
* Willing to talk about his/her experience of caring for asthmatic pediatric patient, to help develop KidsPRO