Introduction to NL SUPPORT, Priorities and Funding Opportunities

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Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR):

- A nationwide initiative led by The Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR).
- Focused on improving outcomes for users of Canada's healthcare system.
- Aims to create a research culture oriented around achieving real-world impacts for patients and their families.
Support for People and Patient-Oriented Research and Trials

- Jurisdictional (Provinces, Territories) Units
- Creating resources necessary to support and grow and sustain patient-oriented research within each province
- Priorities are identified through consulting patients in that region.
Each SUPPORT Unit is built upon the same core functions.
The only requirements for support are:

• Research must be patient-oriented
• Research must include a focus on NL
• Research should address provincial priorities decided between NL SUPPORT and the community
What is Patient-Oriented Research?

Research that:

1. focuses on patient-identified priorities
2. engages patients as partners
3. improves patient outcomes

*Putting patients first!*
Patients as Partners (1)

Us as partners vs us as subjects

Working together

Studying the subject
What is patient engagement in research?

- **Meaningful and active** collaboration in:
  - governance
  - priority setting
  - conducting research
  - knowledge translation (CIHR)

- Research being carried out ‘with’ or ‘by’ members of the public rather than ‘to’, ‘about’ or ‘for’ them (INVOLVE)
Based on the NL Government “What We Heard” consultation – 2015

10 areas of concern – prioritized through survey to top 4:
- Mental Health and Addictions
- Wait times
- Awareness of and access to Community Supports and Services
- Preventive Care - Prioritized but not eligible for funding through SPOR (CIHR) (60.4%)
• Patient Oriented Research grant up to $75,000 (1 year possible extension) - $300,000 total /annum

• Clinician and Allied Health Professional Grant $10,000 (launched Jan 2017, next deadline March 31st 2018, 5 grants)

• Patient Oriented Research grant Indigenous Communities (EOI, spring 2017 closed – not cover)
Patient Oriented Research Grant

• Dates 2017 – 2018
  • EOI - 15th November 2017
  • Full application 31st March 2018
  • Boot camp 18th January 2018

• Priorities
  • Mental Health and Addictions
  • Wait times
  • Awareness of and access to Community Supports and Services
  • Others – e.g. Primary Care

http://www.nl-support.ca/Home/POR-Research-Grants.aspx
Patient Oriented Research Grant

• Applicants
  • Not need a doctorate, but must be trainees or independent researchers – Master’s qualified
  • Work must include a focus on NL and local researchers – PI can be from elsewhere in Canada
  • Systems evaluations are not eligible for funding unless addressing well developed research question
Patient Oriented Research Grant

Five Criteria

1. Relevance of the proposed research to the NL SUPPORT mandate and priority research theme

2. Incorporation of patients as partners rather than subjects throughout the project’s lifecycle

3. Expertise and research experience

4. Merit of the proposal

5. Clarity of presentation, feasibility and appropriateness of research plan and budget
Clinician / Allied Health Professional led research grants
(The Facts)

• Recommendation from the external evaluation of NL SUPPORT

• $10,000 total – 1 year duration (no extension)

• 10 grants 2017 – 2018
  • Deadline Sept 30th (5) 2017 (closed) and 31st March 2018 (5)

• Applicants clinician or allied health professional in local research, health or community care institution
Clinician / Allied Health Professional led research grants (Criteria)

- Similar to POR grants
  - Incorporation of patients as partners rather than subjects throughout the project’s lifecycle
  - Expertise and research experience
  - Merit of the proposal
  - Clarity of presentation, feasibility and appropriateness of research plan and budget
Clinician / Allied Health Professional led research grants
(Process)

- No EOI – single application – 3 page summary

- Submit to Catherine.street@med.mun.ca

- Details of required information can be found at http://www.nlsupport.ca/Home/Clinician-Allied-Health-Professional-Grants.aspx
Examples of support

**Multidisciplinary team**
- Topic that matters to patients
- Research question
- Design
- Proposal
- Ethics

**NL SUPPORT**
- Patient engagement support
- Review and feedback
- Methods support and patient-oriented outcomes
- Review and feedback, budget support
- Guidelines and support

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Education opportunities

FREE education opportunities:
• Monthly webinars
• Face-to-face workshops
• On request sessions

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Resources

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  http://www.nlsupport.ca/home.aspx

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