

Purpose and Goals:

The Surgery C.A.R.E. Network is committed to ensuring the patient voice is meaningfully integrated into decision-making processes that impact surgical care. Patient partners bring lived experience, offering unique insights into the quality, safety, and accessibility of surgical services. Their involvement helps the committee stay grounded in patient-centered values, promotes transparency, and fosters trust between healthcare providers and the community. Patient partner presence on the CARE Network will improve care outcomes, identify opportunities for system improvement from the patient perspective, and co-develop strategies that reflect the needs and priorities of those receiving care. The CARE network activities include development and implementation of region wide policies, safety reviews, and quality improvement projects, most recently the Surgical Safety Checklist.

Opportunity for Involvement:

The Surgery C.A.R.E. Network is one committee that is a combination of the Operational Excellence Committee and the Clinical Excellence Committee. See attached Terms of References. We are seeking 3 patient partner members. All meeting and pre-meeting support sessions will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

- Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 am to 8:00 am
- The time commitment is approximately 3 to 3.5 hours per month including time for meeting preparation

Preference will be given to those who have accessed surgery services within Island Health as a patient, family member or caregiver.

Level of Engagement:

The IAP2 level of engagement for this activity is Involve.

Expected Commitment Length:

We ideally seek patient partners who can commit for two (2) years. This longer-term engagement helps build consistency and allows partners to witness and contribute to meaningful improvements in primary care services.

For More Information

- Visit www.islandhealth.ca/patient-partnership to learn more about patient partnership at Island Health.
- Email patient.experience@islandhealth.ca if you have questions or would like to learn more about this opportunity.
- To submit an expression of interest to join the Surgery C.A.R.E. Network set up a profile on My Impact <https://bttr.im/equv5> and someone from the Island Health Patient & Public Partnership Program will get in touch. If you already have a My Impact account, [click here](#) to log in.



Scan the QR code to learn more about patient partnership at Island Health and to link to My Impact to get started on your profile.