



## Canadian MSK Rehab Research Network

Thank you for your interest in participating as a patient research partner in the Canadian MSK Rehab Research Network!

Launched in 2016 and based at Western University in London, Ontario, the MSK Rehab Research Network is comprised of clinicians, researchers, academics and patients. We are all actively engaged in doing research in novel ways for improving the mobility of Canadians who are living with musculoskeletal issues as a result of injury or disease. The Network encompasses academic institutions from Memorial University in St. John's Newfoundland to the University of British Columbia, as well as numerous hospitals, research institutes and industry partners across Canada. The Network is currently funded by a five year grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

At the MSK Rehab Research Network, we strongly believe patients must be at the front and center of this research. Each patient perspective is entirely unique and of value, and adds relevance to the work of the Network. Our goal is to be inclusive, transparent and respectful of the patient's role in our work and aim to involve patients ultimately in all aspects of the Network's decision making.

Currently we include patients as collaborators on all our funded research and in our grant review processes. We encourage all our patient partners to be as involved as they are comfortable with, and we recognize that discussing these topics will have a greater emotional impact on some individuals. There is no minimum contribution expected, and we strive to ensure our patients never feel pressured to share more than they are willing to. We hope over time to be able to offer some specific training to facilitate your involvement, as well as some online tools and resources.

We would ask that you fill out the attached Patient Partner Profile Form so that we can better assess the types of activities that you are well suited to participate in. You are under no obligation to answer all the questions; this is for our information only and will not be shared outside of the Network Coordinator and Patient Engagement Lead. Furthermore, there will be no scoring or ranking of individuals; it is only to help identify the right fit for you in any particular activity of the Network.

Thank you again for your interest in participating in the MSK Rehab Research Network as a patient research partner, we appreciate your time completing the Patient Partner Profile Form. Please return the completed form to [rehabnet@uwo.ca](mailto:rehabnet@uwo.ca)

Sincerely,

Ryan Power, Network Coordinator

[rehabnet@uwo.ca](mailto:rehabnet@uwo.ca)

Catherine Hofstetter, Patient Representative

Please note that this information is not being gathered to rank or score any individual. Rather, this is to gather information about your experience and interests so that we may better match MSK Rehab Network activities to you as a patient. Feel free to answer the questions if you are comfortable doing so. Leave them blank if you don't care to answer. Your information will not be shared outside of the administration of the Network, without your permission.

**Contact information:**

Name:

Address:

Phone (home):

Cell:

Email:

**Tell us a bit about yourself:**

Do you have arthritis? Yes No

If yes, what type? (Choose all that apply)

Osteoarthritis (OA)

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

Psoriatic arthritis (PsA)

Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS)

Fibromyalgia (FM)

Juvenile Ideopathic arthritis (JIA)

Other: (Please Specify)

Have you experienced a trauma that has impacted your mobility? Yes No

If yes, please briefly describe:

Do you work? Yes No

If yes: full time          part time

Nature of your work:

Do you have any volunteer activities?    Yes      No

If yes, please describe, including how long you have been involved:

Do you have any hobbies?          Yes      No

If yes, please describe:

Have you ever been involved in a research project?      Yes      No

If yes, was it as a subject of the research? (the research team gathered information about you)

Yes      No

Or as a collaborator (you helped in the design, collection of data or manuscript writing etc.)

Yes      No

Do you feel that you have some free time that you can devote to the activities of the MSK Rehab Network? I.e. Reviewing grant applications, reviewing abstracts for a conference, speaking to an audience of researchers, including trainees, and any other activity that the Network would like the perspective of a patient.

Yes      No