



PULMONARY HYPERTENSION
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

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PULMONAIRE DU CANADA

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

PATIENT PARTNER ADVISORY COUNCIL (PPAC)

By joining the Patient Partner Advisory Council (PPAC), you will play a vital role in ensuring that patient and caregiver voices drive PHA Canada's work. As an advisory body within PHA Canada, the PPAC brings the perspectives and lived experiences of patients and caregivers into the heart of the organization's mission, advising on priorities, programs, and strategies to keep the needs of the pulmonary hypertension (PH) community central to all that we do. This is a unique opportunity to make a meaningful difference for the PH community and help guide the future of PH care, advocacy, and support in Canada.

Roles & Responsibilities

As a member of the PPAC, you will:

- Serve as an advisor to PHA Canada by sharing patient and caregiver perspectives
- Help shape organizational initiatives, advocacy and research priorities, and education and support programs.
- Uphold PHA Canada's values of integrity, respect, commitment and excellence.

Requirements

- Demonstrated history of volunteerism* within PHA Canada (e.g., committee, project, or event involvement). **Demonstrated history of volunteerism means having actively participated in PHA Canada's activities in the past, showing commitment to the organization and its community.*
- Completion of Patient Partner Leadership training program.
- Commitment to active participation, including attending meetings, reviewing materials, responding to requests, and contributing to initiatives.

Term & Time Commitment

- **Two-year** renewable term upon appointment by the Board of Directors.
- 4 meetings per year (quarterly), held virtually (with occasional in-person opportunities if feasible).
- Additional time as needed for preparation, feedback, or project-related contributions.



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Support & Training

- Complete the required self-directed Patient Partner training program (max 4 hours in total).
- Participate in ongoing group trainings (max 10 hours a year).

Honorarium

- PPAC members will receive an honorarium of \$100 upon completion of the required self-directed Patient Partner training program (max 4 hours)

Benefits

- For the duration of the Patient Partner's term, they will be a voting member of PHA Canada and therefore entitled to vote at member meetings (i.e., Annual General Meeting).

Selection Considerations

- To ensure the Patient Partner Advisory Council reflects the diversity of the PH community, selection will take into account a range of factors such as age, gender, type of PH, treatment experiences, and place of residence. Our goal is to create a balanced group that represents the many perspectives within the PH community.

**Current Board Directors are ineligible for this position*

For more information or to apply, contact Kimberly Brunelle at kbrunelle@phacanada.ca