
Welcome to ‘the Voice’ – our new Patient Engagement Reference Group (PERG) e-newsletter that will feature patients and families who partner with the Strategic Clinical Networks™ (SCNs) and the initiatives they are involved in.

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Patient Engagement Reference Group (PERG): Work in Progress

Article by Garry Laxdal, PERG Co-Chair; Surgery SCN Patient Advisor & Tracy Wasylak, PERG Co-Chair; Chief Program Officer, SCNs

Garry Laxdal and Tracy Wasylak, co-chairs of the Patient Engagement Reference Group (PERG), discuss highlights of work in progress.

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Understanding the Experience of Youth Visiting the Emergency Department with Mental Health Crisis

Article by Susanna Koczur & Svetlana Shklarov, Patient and Community Engagement Researchers (PaCERs)

Young people in Alberta have been increasingly using Emergency Departments (ED) in mental health emergencies. The Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) Strategic Clinical Network (SCN), in partnership with the Patient and Community Engagement Research (PaCER) program, engaged with youth and their parents to explore their experiences when accessing the Emergency Department.

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Connections: A Pan-SCN Perspective

Article by Gloria Wilkinson, Pan-SCN Patient/Family Advisor

Gloria volunteers her time at three different levels within the SCNs and helps to make connections to break down silos.



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Spotlight: Adam Hardwicke-Brown

Article by Adam Hardwicke-Brown

As a cancer survivor, Adam volunteers as a Patient/Family Advisor with the **Cancer Strategic Clinical Network (SCN)**. He enjoys having his voice heard and knows he's contributing to shaping healthcare in Alberta.

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Healthcare 101

Article by Troy Stooke & Margaret Ferguson, volunteers with IMAGINE Citizens

The social media campaign to launch Healthcare 101's first theme, [Healthcare Basics for Albertans](#) started June 11, 2018. We've had amazing support from the Strategic Clinical Networks™ (SCNs), My Health Alberta, many other health organizations and University of Lethbridge students.



Wide citizen participation has continued to ensure that the design and content stayed true to what the public wanted to learn about and access in regards to health care. Of the remaining themes, Finding My Way (navigation) will be the next one to be tackled by the Healthcare 101 Task Force.

Need a social media campaign package to help promote Healthcare Basics for Albertans? Please contact hc101@imaginecitizens.ca.

Want to get involved? Learn more at imaginecitizens.ca/hc101.



Patients & Citizens Help Design the Future of Surgery in Alberta

Article by Ovsanna Najaryan, Senior Planner, Surgery SCN

The **Surgery Strategic Clinical Network** (SCN) consulted with over 1500 people as they developed their Transformational Roadmap - a plan that will guide their work for the next three years.

Download the [Alberta Surgery Plan](#) from the [Surgery SCN website](#).

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Contribute to 'the Voice'

If you have an idea for a feature story, please contact the SCN Patient/Family Engagement Team at PatientsasPartners.SCN@ahs.ca

Upcoming Events

October 17 - 18, 2018 | Calgary

[AHS Quality & Safety Summit 2018](#)



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