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**PBRNs**

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Research Community of  
Practice

**Canadians  
building  
knowledge!!!**

**AGAR**

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**Primary and Integrated  
Health Care Innovations  
(PIHCI) Network**

# Section of Researchers (SOR)

- SOR is the section of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) that represents members who have an interest in Primary Care research in Canada.
- We are diverse. There is something for everyone. Whether you are a “hardcore” researcher, a novice or just curious.
- Members include family physicians and associate members of the CFPC.
- We are clinicians and researchers with a common interest to improve the health of Canadians through innovation and evidence.

# Section of Researchers (SOR)

- We have 1770 members, and it's growing.
- Join us in creating new knowledge.
- Help build the research community & resources.

**Find out more at:**

<https://www.cfpc.ca/en/member-services/committees/section-of-researchers-council>

# Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRN)

- The first point of contact for patients seeking care is usually community-based primary care practices. Yet, the majority of research continues to be done in specialty care or hospital settings. Primary care PBRNs address this gap.
- A PBRN is a group of primary care clinicians and practices working together to answer community-based health care questions.
- PBRNs engage clinicians in quality improvement and research activities. They are “living laboratories of primary care practice”.
- As part of PBRNs, clinicians have the opportunity to increase their research skills, and benefit from linkages to experienced researchers.
- There are over 16 PBRNs across the country. Join one and get help from colleagues who know your reality.
- Otherwise, start a new one.

*For more information, contact - [research@cfpc.ca](mailto:research@cfpc.ca)*

# Research Community of Practice (RCOP)

- RCOP is an Action Group of the Section of Researchers Council.
- It is developing a new virtual Canada-wide community of practice of individuals with an interest in research and scholarly activity.
- RCOP will provide a welcoming forum that allows CFPC members and others to connect with each other, share and learn from one another.
- It will provide access to some of the best academics and educators in the country.
- The community will be interdisciplinary and diverse. It will include physicians, residents, researchers, trainees and professionals from a variety of areas, including epidemiology, public health, sociology and health services research.

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# Action Group for Advocacy in Research (AGAR)

- AGAR is an Action Group of the Section of Researchers Council.
- It advocates for the value of family medicine and primary health care research.
- It advocates for increased funding for family medicine and primary health care research.

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# The Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (PIHCI) Networks

- The PIHCI Networks is one of three overarching pan-Canadian networks in the CIHR's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR).
  - SPOR is a coalition of federal, provincial and territorial partners dedicated to the integration of research into care.
  - SPOR and its pan-Canadian and jurisdictional Networks (see next slide) represents collaborations of patients, health professionals, decision makers, health researchers and other stakeholders to generate evidence and innovations designed to improve patient health and health care systems, using a patient-centered approach.
- Overall goal:
  - To support evidence-informed transformation and delivery of more cost-effective primary and integrated health care to improve patient experience and health, health equity, and health system outcomes for individuals with and at risk of developing complex health needs.





# The Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (PIHCI) Networks

- There are two “types” of PIHCI Networks:
  - **Jurisdictional PIHCI Networks**
    - These Provincial or Territorial Networks work within their respective provinces or territories;
    - There are currently eleven across the country.
    - Each of the jurisdictional SPOR networks must fulfill several requirements. This includes a tri-partite leadership structure with three leads (one each for policy, research and clinical activities).
  - **A Pan-Canadian PIHCI Network**
    - A larger single network of all the jurisdictional PIHCI Networks.
    - The goal is to foster the exchange of information, evidence and experiences across jurisdictions to inform policy development.

*For more information visit*

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/49554.html>



# The Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN)

- CPCSSN (“sipsin”) is a unique network of PBRNs across the country.
- It is the first Pan-Canadian multi-disease electronic medical record surveillance system. Family Physicians and Practices across the country submit anonymized electronic medical records (EMR) data to a central research hub in Kingston, ON.
- CPCSSN aims to improve the quality of care for Canadians suffering from eight chronic and mental health conditions (hypertension, osteoarthritis, diabetes, COPD, depression, Alzheimer’s and related dementias, epilepsy and Parkinson’s disease).



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# The Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN)

- CPCSSN's core business is to collect data and to organize and maintain a sentinel surveillance system that strengthens the study of Canadian primary health care.
- The family physicians and practices that collect the data at the frontline are called “sentinels”.
- The data collected is shedding light on the diseases being monitored and providing healthcare planners and clinicians with much needed evidence.
- The data are also proving very useful to guide practices in quality improvement initiatives. Family physicians are able to compare their patients' data with averaged data from similar practices in their respective provinces and nationally.



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**...it may make it live longer and better**