

PiPER Newsletter

November 2025

What Have We Been Up To...

WCH x UHN Symposium

 **May 8, 2025**

Women's College Hospital and University Health Network co-hosted a "Redefining Patient Engagement: Shaping Research Together" symposium. [Read the Summary Report here.](#)



PiPER Research Day 2025

 **October 8, 2025**

PiPER hosted its third Research Day at the beautiful Guild Inn Estate in Scarborough, bringing together 200 registrants—including people with lived experience (PLEX: patients, families, and caregivers), researchers, trainees, community members, and healthcare leaders.



Guided by the theme "Research Engagement in Action: Do the right thing, Share it with others, and Build a better tomorrow," the event featured workshops, oral and poster presentations, and an art exhibit highlighting best practices and innovations in PLEX engagement to improve research and healthcare outcomes. [Read our UHN News Story here.](#)

PiPER Grantees Announced

 **November 3, 2025**

PiPER recently awarded:



15 PiPER Partnership Grants

4 PiPER Innovation Grants

2 PiPER Community Grants

[Check out the awardees and project titles here.](#)

CSCI-RA Conference

 **November 13 - 15, 2025**

The PiPER Team presented three posters at the 11th National SCI Conference, hosted by the Canadian Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Association. The posters highlighted the development of the PiPER Toolkit, the PiPER Community of Practice, and a PLEX financial compensation policy.

Events & Opportunities



The PiPER Community of Practice (CoP)

Arani Hiritharan, Corinne Rose, and Justin Hayes-Lemke will be speaking about "Collaboration not Consultation: Learning from the Digital Action Youth Advisory at Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario"

Tune in on **November 26 from 12 - 1 PM (EST)**.
Zoom link [here](#).

A Snippet of Wisdom

"You must give space to let family caregivers tell their stories outside of data collection because there are so few opportunities for family caregivers to be acknowledged for the herculean work they do."

Judy Gargaro - September CoP

PiPER 2025 Calendar

November 4-5

PiPER held two workshops for PiPER Grant Awardees

November 21

PiPER presented a Roadshow on PLEX Engagement in Research to the CANTRAIN team

November 26

PiPER Community of Practice

November 26

Network of Networks Meeting

November 28

Innovation Grants Workshop

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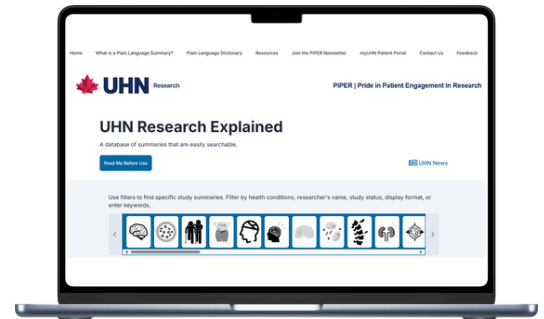
UHN Research Explained

NEW

Welcome to UHN Research Explained!

We've built a new online space dedicated to sharing UHN Research with the public in a way that is easy to understand!

The website is a searchable space where scientists are sharing plain language summaries of their ongoing and completed work. You can filter by health condition, researcher's name, study status, written or infographic format, or enter keywords.


www.uhnresearchexplained.ca


SUBMIT

UHN Research teams can submit plain language summaries to piper@uhn.ca for posting on a new public facing website.

On the [UHN Clinical Research Hub](#), information can be found for:

Text Templates - Active & Completed Studies

Readability Tools

Guidance on Using Artificial Intelligence

Infographic Templates - Active & Completed Studies

Tools for making Visual Infographic PLS

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Allyship

Beyond UHN

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New!

Engaging women with lived experience in tailoring educational resources for cardiovascular rehabilitation

Ana Paula Delgado Bomtempo Batalha^a, Gayl McKinley^b, Gabriela Lima de Melo Ghisi^{c,d} 

A publication funded by the PiPER 2023-2024 Partnership Grant was recently released! Read [here](#).

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Are you a researcher with lived experience or have worked on a patient-engaged health study in an academic setting?

Check out this opportunity with 

[“Measuring the impacts of lived experience and family engagement on research”](#)

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Discover ways to get involved in research as a Patient Partner—learn more [here](#).


The Heart Hub

Learn. Connect. Empower.

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Curious about how cancer immunotherapies are made and why they're important for the future of cancer?

The Cancer Community Partnership will meet on December 4, 2025. Contact Anu @BioCanRx to learn more: ashukla-jones@gmail.com