

PiPER Newsletter

September 2026

What have we been up to...

PiPER Grants Awarded

 **August-September 2026**

7 teams across UHN received PiPER Grants:

 **5 PiPER Partnership Grants**
 **2 PiPER Innovation Grants**

For the full list of awardees, click [here](#) (internal connection required).

Summer Student Presentations

 **August 2026**

PiPER's summer students presented their projects at UHN's Summer Training and Research (STAR) program. Congratulations, Bianca and Nate!



PLEX Network Working Group

 **September 2026**

Building on work done this Spring, the PLEX Working Group reconnected to continue driving the PLEX Network priorities. The outcomes of their work will help to create a strong self-led community of PLEX partners and better integration of lived experience and UHN Research. To stay up to date on the PLEX Network activities and ways to become involved, attend the event on October 14 (see page 2 of newsletter) and become a [PiPER member](#).



PiPER Toolkit 2.0

We've updated the PiPER Toolkit!

The PiPER Toolkit 2.0 is intended for routine use by UHN scientists, research staff, trainees, community organizations and PLEX to help plan, implement, share, and evaluate the engagement of PLEX as partners in research.

The enhanced toolkit includes a **more accessible design, updated resources, and new content** to help researchers and PLEX partners build meaningful collaborations and strengthen PLEX engagement in research.

The Toolkit 2.0 will be launched soon- attend the event on October 14 (see page 2 of newsletter) and become a [PiPER member](#) to stay up to date!

A Snippet of Wisdom

Robby Spring, PLEX Partner leading the July PiPER Community of Practice, shared this insight:

"Patients need the right treatments at the right time with digestible information and patient-oriented outcomes"

Watch the recording of the May Community of Practice, "Shaping Early Stage Cancer Innovation with Lived Experience" by clicking [here](#).



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Events & Opportunities

Save
The
Date

Partnering for Better Research: PiPER Toolkit 2.0 Launch and PLEX Network Forum



October 14, 1:00-4:00 pm



522 University Ave, 2nd floor
Auditorium

Join the PiPER team for an afternoon of learning and connection!

What to look forward to:

- Launch of the [PiPER Toolkit 2.0](#)
- Learn about and join the [PLEX Network](#)
- Opportunities to connect with community organizations, PLEX partners, and research staff

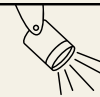
Registration information will be shared via email (become a [PiPER member](#)) and on [LinkedIn](#).



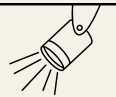
The UHN PiPER Community of Practice Webinar

Samantha Bellefeuille, Hanae Davis, and Linda Nguyen from the University of Calgary will be presenting *“Growing Together: Building and Sustaining a Partnership with Siblings Over Time”*

Tune in on **October 7 from 12 - 1 PM (EST)**. Zoom link [here](#). No registration required.



Resource Spotlight



The Chronic Pain Centre of Excellence for Canadian Veterans (CPCoE) has launched the Veteran Engagement in Research Toolkit. Click [here](#) to access it!



The PiPER team would like to thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration so far this year. We look forward to continuing our work together and building on this momentum in the months ahead!

*L-R: Mat Wiest, Farnoosh Farahani, Cathy Craven, Anisa Morava, Erin Smith, Lindsie Blencowe
Not pictured: Mohammad Alavinia*

