

# CANADIAN PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION NETWORK (CP-BRAIN)

## PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The Canadian Practice-Based Research and Innovation Network (CPBRAIN) is a collective of Practice-Based Research and Innovation leaders across Canada who are working collaboratively to:

1. Advance research, scholarship, and innovation
2. Transform care through innovation
3. Create and integrate new knowledge
4. Create a culture of inquiry within practice

Through the exchange of ideas, experiences, practices, and the identification of collective priorities, the CP-BRN will promote an innovative, impactful, scalable, and sustainable approach to embedding research into clinical practice, with special attention given work supporting practice-based research and innovation led by and carried out for nursing and multiple health discipline clinicians.

## OPERATING PRINCIPLES & GOVERNING CONCEPTS

- Connectedness and sharing through a communities of practice network
- Theory informed approach
- Innovation and system evolution
- Sustainability and feasibility

## TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- Provide a forum for sharing approaches to integrating research and scholarship within clinical practice
- Contribute to and advance research and scholarship through identification and implementation of collective priorities
- Promotion of high quality collaborative and innovative research and scholarship
- Function as thought leaders, innovators, and influencers with respect to research, scholarship and inquiry
- Create a culture of innovation and inquiry across the system
- Leverage funding opportunities collectively in service of practice-based research and innovation
- Engage in collective evaluation, scholarship, research, and innovation
  - Co-design metrics of impact (e.g., number of funded grants, number of publications, etc.)
- Explore partnerships in service of practice-based research for clinicians
- Foster alignment across organizations

## ADMINISTRATION AND CHAIRSHIP

- Chairship to be organized by rotating a leading organization/CP-BRAIN member on a yearly basis
- Chairing organization /member will collect agenda items for meetings and distribute meeting minutes and agendas prior to meeting date

## MEMBERSHIP (open):

Alberta Health Services, *Alberta*

BC Cancer Agency, *British Columbia*

BC Children's & Women's Hospital & Health Centre, *British Columbia*

Providence Health Care, *British Columbia*

McGill University, *Quebec*

Michael Garron Hospital, *Ontario*

Sinai Health, *Ontario*

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, *Ontario*  
Trillium Health Partners, *Ontario*  
Unity Health Toronto (UHT), *Ontario*  
University Health Network (UHN), *Ontario*  
University of Montreal, *Quebec*  
Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI), *British Columbia*

#### **FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:**

Approximately once every six to eight weeks  
Synchronous teleconference meetings  
Asynchronous discussions online (via Email)  
One in-person meeting annually (can coincide with a research or KT conference)

#### **DECISION MAKING/QUORUM:**

Quorum will be 50% + 1  
Asynchronous/virtual voting will be utilized  
Where a decision cannot be reached by consensus, a simple majority vote will be utilized

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW PERIOD:**

The terms of reference will undergo a high level annual review.

#### **Glossary:**

Research = An undertaking intended to extend knowledge through a disciplined inquiry and/or systematic investigation and the creation of new knowledge or the use of current knowledge to generate new understandings.

Scholarship = Refers to a scholarship of discovery, or original research and discovering new knowledge in the quest for a deeper understanding of the world. There are four areas of scholarship: the scholarship of discovery, the scholarship of integration, the scholarship of application, and the scholarship of teaching (Beattie, 2000)

Health Innovation = the development of “improved health policies, systems, products and technologies and services and delivery methods that improve people’s health.” Innovation therefore captures novel and creative approaches to improving health including the employment of quality improvement methodologies.

Practice Based Research = research emerging from clinical practice that can be integrated to improve better patient outcomes and a research approach to creating new understandings of clinical practice with the purpose of integrating knowledge into innovative approaches to care.