## HDRN CANADA

## PRAGMATIC TRIALS TRAINING PROGRAM









## PATIENTS ENGAGEMENT



With the support of the Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit (OSSU), we are fostering best practices to engage patients in pragmatic clinical trials.

Patients are partners in pragmatic trials from inception to knowledge translation.

Ontario has a significant presence in this pan-Canadian program.

The Health Data Research Network Canada (HDRN Canada) Pragmatic Trials Training Program is a two-year virtual pan-Canadian program that connects learners and educators from diverse organizations across Canada with funds from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

The program started in July 2024 in response to Canada's need for a dedicated training platform. The goal is to improve the healthcare system's capacity to manage current and future health threats by equipping learners with skills and knowledge to generate high-quality evidence on treatment effects in everyday situations, from drugs to vaccines, health technologies, education, and policies.

This program is coordinated by the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University, and is an initiative of HDRN Canada.

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learners are located in Ontario

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faculty and mentors are affiliated with an institution located in Ontario.



Ontario-based institutions are partnering or supporting the program.



Over the past year, the HDRN Canada Pragmatic Trials Training Program advanced multiple protocols poised to become fully executable pragmatic trials.

All trials have so far involved patient partners from research question development and trial design to ethics approvals and recruitment strategies.



Patient partners make pragmatic trials relevant, impactful, and real.

