Call for Infection Prevention and Control Expert Faculty

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute is pleased to issue a call for membership in the Canadian Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Expert Faculty. This renewed Faculty of experts will collaborate on developing ideas, solutions, and strategies to support healthcare providers and organizations within all health sectors to address IPAC issues on a national scale.

Patients and family members of organized patient safety groups, healthcare providers (clinicians, e.g. pharmacists), microbiologists, educators, administrators, and academic researchers, with experience and expertise in the areas of Infection Prevention and Control, patient safety and quality improvement, and behavioural change are invited to apply.

Faculty Role

Some of the activities the Faculty will be engaged in are:

- Identifying and evaluating emerging Canadian and international evidence (literature, research, best practices);
- Assisting in the identification, prioritization and development of new knowledge translation tools and resources;
- Assisting in the development, revision and spread of resources that support IPAC safety;
- Providing advice on the evaluation, sustainability and improvement of these resources;
- Assisting with knowledge transfer activities including participation in webinars and learning programs;
- Providing support to the Canadian IPAC community by participating in online discussion forums, sharing information and resources, responding to queries from healthcare practitioners, CPSI and other partners as opportunities arise.

Faculty Benefits

CPSI has a broad network of expert Faculty members across Canada that support a variety of CPSI programs. CPSI values the experience and expert contributions of our Faculty members as partners who we collaborate with to provide comprehensive evidence-based approaches to patient safety improvement efforts. Below are some of the ways CPSI will recognize and promote this vital partnership:

- Formal recognition as Faculty members in CPSI documents and on the CPSI website;
- Opportunities to network and develop relationships with other professionals, teams, and organizations nationally and internationally;
- Priority notification and invitation to related CPSI learning and networking events.

Expected Commitment

It is anticipated that the Faculty will conduct the majority of their meetings virtually (WebEx). CPSI respects the Faculty’s commitments and will only engage Faculty members in a level of their choosing. Participation on the Faculty is voluntary. Members will be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses in accordance with CPSI policies.
IPAC Expert Faculty

Application Process

A. For new CPSI Faculty:
   Please submit a CV (five-page maximum) highlighting relevant background, research, education and work experience and a letter of interest (LOI) no longer than two pages to include:
   • Your interest in joining the Faculty
   • Relevant IPAC experience
   • Specific areas of interest within IPAC
   • How much time you can commit
   • Potential conflicts of interest

B. For existing CPSI faculty:
   Please provide a letter of interest (LOI) no longer than two pages to include:
   • Verification of your intent to continue to serve as a faculty member
   • Relevant IPAC experience
   • Specific areas of interest within IPAC
   • How much time you can commit
   • Potential conflicts of interest

Selection Criteria and Process

Faculty will be selected for their knowledge, expertise and/or experience and not as representatives of the organizations with which they are affiliated. A minimum of one membership will be reserved for a patient representative.

All applications will be reviewed by a selection panel coordinated by CPSI. The panel will be looking for expertise and/or experience in one or more of the following areas specific to IPAC:

• Topic specific expertise i.e. clinical expertise aligned with IPAC, and non-clinical expertise such as change leadership and teamwork
• Sectoral expertise
• Adult education
• Quality improvement and patient safety
• Research
• Evaluation
• Client and family engagement

Submission Process

For additional inquiries or questions, please contact Tricia Swartz at tswartz@cpsi-icsp.ca
The deadline for application submission is Oct. 1, 2015.
Applications can be submitted to Tricia Swartz at tswartz@cpsi-icsp.ca

Thank you,

Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI)

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