

Partnership Roles in Research:
Meaningful Engagement of People with Lived Experience



SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

09:30 – 10:00am **INTRODUCTIONS & PREPARING FOR THE DAY**

10:00 – 12:00pm **ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH (Joint Session)**

A) OVERVIEW OF PWLE ENGAGEMENT

Speaker Panel: Michelle Nelson, Ada Tang

Historical overview of how PWLE Engagement has evolved over the last 5-10 years and the many roles PWLE play (i.e. advocate, collaborator, advisor) and how this has impacted design of trials.

B) OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND PERSPECTIVES ABOUT PWLE ENGAGEMENT: ASPIRATIONS TO OPERATIONS

Speaker Panel: Shannon Bayluk (PWLE), Kevin Moncion (ECR), Elise Wiley (Trainee), Jill Williamson (Research Coordinator)

Moderator: Patrice Lindsay

In this session, you will hear what Engagement means and how it is applied from panel members representing different perspectives, following by a Q&A session.

C) DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING PWLE ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

In small groups, with at least one representative from each of the 4 workshops, groups will discuss a specific topic surrounding a real-life example of PWLE Engagement considerations.

Moderators: Kevin Moncion & Elise Wiley

12:00 – 1:00pm **LUNCH**

1:00 – 1:30pm **Overview of People with Lived Experience (PWLE) Engagement**

Speaker: Michelle Nelson

- Define PWLE, who is included, how are they identified.
- Discussion of importance of caregivers and family members, value, how and when to engage, compensation, confidentiality.
- Frameworks for Engagement of PWLE – Healthcare Excellence Canada, CIHR, OH.
- Review the Knowledge-to-Action cycle (KTA) and roles of PWLE at each stage within the cycle.

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1:30 – 2:30pm

Breakout Discussion: PWLE Engagement and Contributions in Research

Moderators: Jennifer Monaghan, Jaylyn Leighton

- The different ways people with lived experience can contribute to research — and why each role matters.
- Real challenges that come up during engagement — examples and practical ways to navigate them.
- What it takes to create environments where meaningful engagement is actually possible.
- Who needs to be involved in research, and how to plan for that from the start.

2:30 - 2:45pm

BREAK

2:45 – 3:45pm

What is Advocacy? Why would you use it in research? What is its role?

Speakers: Patrice Lindsay, Sharon Gilroy-Dreher

- Overview of advocacy goals, roles and opportunities.
- Building communication skills and capacity.
- **Breakout:** Provide an opportunity to work through different scenarios in small groups followed by a larger group discussion around each scenario, sharing perspectives.

3:45 – 4:00pm

Wrap-Up Closing Remarks

Speakers: Patrice Lindsay, Michelle Nelson

4:15 – 5:15pm

Indigenous Engagement Workshop

Speakers: Alexandra and Malcolm King

5:15 – 6:30pm

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