

**Research Coordinators Workshop**

Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity  
Banff, Alberta

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026 – Kinnear Centre**

8:30am **Welcome Breakfast – KC 101-103**

09:00 - 10:00am **Introductions & Networking**  
KC 205

10:00 - 12:00pm **Engagement in Research (Joint Session)**  
KC 303

**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 - 2:30pm **Using Artificial Intelligence to Enhance Productivity and Efficiency in Research Coordination**

KC 205 **Speaker:** Brenda Penman, IT Professional and Educator

Moderators:  
J. Williamson  
C. Kenney

Interactive workshop exploring Microsoft Copilot features that can enhance research coordination, including drafting and refining documents, summarizing complex research materials into lay language summaries, generating checklists, extracting key points from protocols, and accelerating email and report preparation.

2:30 - 4:00pm **Overview of Accessibility in Clinical Trials, Community Engagement, and Overall Clinical Trials Landscape**

KC 205 **Speaker:** Allison Orth, Clinical Trials BC

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**PEER TOOLS**

*Topic 1:* Acute Recruitment Strategies (Geni Maclean, Michele Demetroff)

*Topic 2:* Rehab Recruitment Strategies (Brodie Sakakibara, Alexis Hill)

*Topic 3:* Gender Balance in Studies and ORDER (Melanie Dunlop)

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### Indigenous Engagement Workshop

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This session will provide researchers, trainees, clinicians, policy makers and people with lived and living experience with a foundational overview of Indigenous history shaping current realities for First Nations, Métis and Inuit in Canada, as well as non-Indigenous Canadians, including Indigenous inherent rights, meaningful land acknowledgements, Indigenous data sovereignty and cultural safety, with an emphasis on respectful engagement in health research and patient partnership contexts.

**Speakers:** Alexandra and Malcolm King

5:15 - 6:00pm

### CONNECTING MINDS (Supported by Alberta Innovates)

KC 101-103

*Connecting Minds* is a welcoming space for early career researchers, senior researchers, trainees, research coordinators, and people with lived experience of stroke to connect and exchange ideas. Come meet new people, share perspectives, and explore opportunities to collaborate toward meaningful impact in stroke research and care.