

# Patients' Den: Patients Setting Research Priorities in Healthcare

## What is Patients' Den?

- The Patients' Den is an innovative event styled in the spirit of two popular television series: Shark Tank and Dragons' Den.
- The event takes place over one evening, with the third edition taking place in October 2024.
- The format is interactive, where trainees and early career researchers 'pitch' their research proposals to a judges' panel of five patient partners.
- In this model, a panel of patient partners sets health research funding priorities by ranking the research proposals and awarding grants in a public evening event.



## What are we doing?

- Proposals will be screened for basic eligibility, scientific merit, and feasibility by a panel consisting of methodology experts and patient advisors.
- The finalists will be invited to present their proposal to a patient advisory panel at a public forum.
- Each researcher/team will be given time to present their project to the 5-member patient advisory panel.
- The patient panel will evaluate each study based on its potential impact on the health care system in New Brunswick.
- The top research projects will be awarded grants.

## Who can I contact?

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## How will this help?

- Patient engagement (PE) is important throughout all phases of research and helps research teams address the issues that are most important to the individuals directly affected by the outcomes of health research.
- One avenue for PE is to assist in deciding how research funds should be allocated, based on the priorities set by patients.
- An event like the Patients' Den, where patient partners become key decision-makers in funding allocation, represents a grass-roots effort in PE.