

Cardiovascular Health & Stroke (CvHS) Strategic Clinical Network™ Patient and Family Advisors

Patients: the heart and minds of our cardiac and stroke care

Patients and their families have lived and breathed with heart or stroke issues, and their perspectives are invaluable. In keeping with our principle of patient- and family-centered care, these groups will play important roles in setting CvHS SCN™ priorities, co-designing projects and grant applications, and actively contributing on committees.



“An Albertan entering a health facility is in need and, in most cases, feeling vulnerable but how the patient and their family feels about time spent in care is remembered forever. My perspectives are based on lived experiences as both a patient and a family member in hospitals in Edmonton and Calgary. Being on an SCN allows me to participate in optimizing the patient & family experience by contributing to setting priorities, assessing new opportunities or improving on processes before they are introduced to patients. Also, working to ensure enhancements and solutions are broadly available across the province is key to being successful. As a volunteer on the SCN, I know I am making a worthwhile contribution to my community and ensuring better outcomes.”

Gary Semeniuk, patient advisor, CvHS SCN™

