

The Patient Engagement Reference Group

The Patient Engagement Reference Group (PERG) provides a meeting forum for Strategic Clinical Network™ (SCN) Patient and Family Advisors and Patient and Community Engagement Researchers (PaCERs) (both referred to as advisors in this document) to:

- Talk about their experiences
- Connect and network with other advisors
- Share and learn about successes, barriers, and challenges regarding patient and family engagement in the SCNs
- Develop and strengthen skills
- Participate in consultations regarding SCN or Alberta Health Services (AHS) work

Meetings are co-chaired by the:

- SCN Chief Program Officer
- Elected PERG SCN Patient and Family Advisor co-chair

When & where are meetings held?

PERG meetings are:

- Held three to four times per year
- Typically three to four hours in length
- Co-hosted in Edmonton and Calgary, with the sites connected by video-conference

Meeting attendance

Attendance at PERG meetings is optional for advisors; however, RSVPs are requested. PERG covers all pre-approved expenses incurred to attend the meetings.

Supports

The SCN Patient and Family Engagement Team provides support for SCN Advisors. The Senior Patient Engagement Consultants support PERG Advisors and PaCERs during and between meetings. The PERG coordinator supports advisors with arranging travel and expenses repayments.

For more information, please contact the SCN Patient and Family Engagement Team at patientsaspartners.scn@ahs.ca.

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