



Can-SOLVE CKD Leadership Opportunity

The Can-SOLVE CKD Network is seeking a nephrologist and motivated kidney scientist to join its leadership team and help lead the network through Phase 2 and beyond.

Can-SOLVE CKD is one of five national chronic disease networks established through Canada's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR). The network is funded by CIHR and more than 30 partners. In Phase 1 of activities, Can-SOLVE CKD facilitated and enabled 18 research projects and five core infrastructures focused on improving CKD diagnosis, developing new treatments, and determining how best to deliver innovative patient-centered care. Phase 2 will focus on knowledge mobilization and implementation of the work of Phase 1, with nine research projects supported by the core infrastructures.

Currently, Can-SOLVE CKD is co-led by Dr. Adeera Levin, Dr. Braden Manns and Dr. Jim Scholey. To promote network sustainability and succession planning, we are seeking an individual who:

- Is passionate about patient-oriented research and ensuring the patient voice is at the centre.
- Brings a focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion to the work, through life experience, training, or education.
- Is familiar with the kidney research landscape in Canada and committed to collaboration and capacity building.
- Brings expertise or interest in knowledge mobilization and/or implementation science.

The individual will join the network's leadership team and work with the co-leads to assume a graded responsibility for the network's activities.

Responsibilities and potential tasks include:

- Ongoing leadership, including interacting with and providing guidance to Can-SOLVE CKD staff
- Participation in leadership team calls (to be determined – biweekly /monthly), quarterly Steering Committee calls, network gatherings, and other meetings as required.
- Championing patient engagement within Can-SOLVE CKD, including ongoing support for the work of the Patient Governance Circle and the Indigenous People's Engagement and Research Council.



- Championing equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout the network.
- Acting as an ambassador for the network.
- Problem solving, including ongoing engagement with health care policy-makers across Canada.
- Facilitating the work of research project leads and core infrastructure leads.
- Playing a critical role in creating a sustainability strategy for the network.
- Playing an active role in one or more core infrastructures or working groups within the network.

Potential benefits of the role include:

- A chance to meaningfully shape the continuing evolution of a multimillion-dollar national clinical research program with a cutting-edge scientific program and demonstrated buy-in from the kidney community.
- Opportunities to engage with and participate in research projects/ancillary projects based on interest and time.
- Personal mentorship (informal and formal), advice and ongoing support from the network co-leads.
- Interacting with established clinical and translational nephrology researchers and high-level kidney care policy-makers across Canada and internationally.
- Interacting with a group of engaged, committed patient partners.

Equity and diversity are essential to research and academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or a person who identifies as First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous. Can-SOLVE CKD welcomes a broad range of applicants, and accommodations are available for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, and curriculum vitae to Heather Harris at hharris@cansolveckd.ca by June 10, 2022. A selection committee will be composed to review and interview short listed candidates and make a recommendation to the Steering Committee.

To learn more about the Can-SOLVE CKD Network, visit: www.cansolveckd.ca