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About us:

The PCPCRC is a national network of researchers, healthcare providers, community and policy stakeholders, trainees, and patient and caregiver partners. With more than 100 members, the PCPCRC aims to improve clinical practice, health service delivery, and data standardization in palliative care by building the infrastructure needed for collaboration and knowledge mobilization. Our mission is to develop a pan-Canadian network of practice-focused research groups producing high-quality palliative care research. In 2021 we received funding from Health Canada through the Health Care Policy and Strategies Program. This funding supports 14 projects across the country that focus on advancing palliative care initiatives from new therapies to new models of care delivery. It also sustains building a sustainable network to support members, promote collaboration and distribute knowledge generated by studies.

Why we need you:

The primary role of a patient/caregiver partner is to ensure the PCPCRC and its members' studies are patient-centered. Patient/caregiver partners bring their personal experiences with the disease and different treatments. They guide us to focus on meaningful patient outcomes, understanding the patient's point of view, and guidance on effective ways to communicate our studies with patients. Join our wonderful Patient/Caregiver partners! We are looking for a patient with a **non-cancer** life-limiting disease or a caregiver from a deceased patient with a non-cancer life-limiting disease to complement the patient partners experience.

What we expect from you:

- Participate, when available, in the PCPCRC semi-annual meeting events and other hosted webinars as the patient and caregiver representative.
- Help us to ensure the members' studies are patient- and caregiver-centred.
- Evaluate, **as a patient/caregiver reviewer**, the applications for the PCPCRC Seed Funding Competition. Together with our **other patient/caregiver partners**, you will be asked to rate the applicants' lay summary (brief summary of the applicants' research projects written for members of the public rather than researchers) and participate in the reviewers' meeting.
- Review patient/caregiver communication materials to ensure we use a clear format and language.

Important items:

- We anticipate an average of 40 hours of dedication per year and offer a stipend of $25 per hour. The stipend is paid bi-annually.
- **You can decide how much time you want to contribute**, and you can stop participating anytime as long as you let us know.
- **Your involvement is essential for the quality of our research, and we appreciate any time you may have available!**

If you are interested and/or would like more information, please contact Fiona Kenney, Knowledge Mobilization Lead for the division of Palliative Care, at fkenney@bruyere.org.