



MSSU STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2026

Improving the health of Maritimers through patient-oriented research

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MISSION

To support the conduct and implementation of patient-oriented research addressing Maritime health priorities

VISION

Better health, care, and cost across the Maritimes through evidence-informed decision-making

VALUES

- Timely responsiveness to aligned priorities
- Decisions infused with patients' unique insights
- The power of creative, productive collaborations
- Accountability to the public
- Quality, innovation and impact

STRATEGIC AREAS

1. DATA PLATFORMS AND SERVICES

2. RESEARCH METHODS SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

3. PATIENT ENGAGEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION/IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

4. TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

5. EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION AND ALIGNMENT WITHIN AND ACROSS PROVINCES

1. DATA PLATFORMS AND SERVICES

Goals	Objectives
1.1 Develop and maintain Provincial health data platforms	1.1.1 Develop a framework for identifying and adding data holdings to the data platforms 1.1.2 Create and strengthen data sharing partnerships
1.2 Develop and maintain data access processes to support timely access and robust analysis	1.2.1 Support policy and protocol development, data development at SIDR 1.2.2 Continue to improve and make more user friendly data documentation, codebooks and dictionaries
1.3 Develop and maintain data sharing processes to support interprovincial data sharing and research	1.3.1 Support the implementation of SPOR Canadian Data Platforms (S-CDP) across the Maritimes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect SPOR-CDP FTES • Identify SPOR-Canadian Data Platform demonstration projects 1.3.2 Connect provincial participation in national data/research networks (e.g. CIHR PHSI real world evidence in oncology drugs to SUPPORT Unit researchers) 1.3.3 Present best practice research legislation and regulation in particular Maritime Provinces with decision-makers in other Maritime Provinces

2. RESEARCH METHODS SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

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2.1 Offer expertise and supports to get research into practice	<p>2.1.1 Develop an asset map of expertise and interests to facilitate connections between researchers, decision-makers and patient advisors</p> <p>2.1.2 MSSU to act as a broker between governments, health authorities and research organizations and researchers (e.g. develop relationships, clarify province specific processes and make these transparent)</p>
2.2 Ensure that researchers are aware of research activities and of methods available/under development	2.2.1 Provide access to a research navigator to facilitate connections between resources and supports within sites
2.3 Increase engagement of researchers in MSSU programs and activities	2.3.1 Build ways to foster interprovincial collaborations and projects e.g. discussion forum or forum that allows researchers to list their interests and collaborate, interprovincial consultation service

3. PATIENT ENGAGEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION/IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

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3.1 Ensure that stakeholders are aware of the Patient Engagement (PE), Knowledge Translation (KT) and Implementation Science (IS) research supports	3.1.1 Develop a communications strategy that includes mechanisms to create stakeholder awareness of PE and KT/IS research supports
3.2 Generate and apply knowledge with patients and knowledge users as partners throughout the research process	<p>3.2.1 Identify/develop processes for more patients/public to be more involved in identifying/driving selection of research priorities that considers existing patient registries</p> <p>3.2.2 Identify best practices for patient engagement and implement in a consistent way across the provinces (including best practices for projects relying on administrative data)</p> <p>3.2.3 Evaluate the MSSU's patient engagement efforts and support researchers to also do this</p>
3.3 Support methods and evaluation of the implementation of evidence into practice and policy	3.3.1 Identify best practices for implementation science

4. TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

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4.1 Support the strengthening of POR related competencies and collaboration	<p>4.1.1 Develop orientation and training tools to prepare patient advisors and researchers for effective engagement in MSSU activities - PE/KT/IS</p> <p>4.1.2 Develop and implement strategies to improve the capacity of researchers who use administrative data in patient engagement - PE/KT/IS</p> <p>4.1.3 Continue to offer and promote existing resources/tools and training opportunities including the courses being offered by UPEI and UNB - PE/KT/IS, RM, Data</p> <p>4.1.4 Determine core (POR) training requirements for all staff and any specialized training for specific positions - RM</p>
4.2 Develop a sustainability plan for innovative training and capacity development	<p>4.2.1 Explore the creation of synthetic data files for training and application development purposes - Data</p> <p>4.2.2 Better inform target audiences regarding availability of MSSU resources regarding data sets - Data</p> <p>4.2.3 Develop a mentorship program that includes both peer and senior membership - RM</p> <p>4.2.4 Obtain and/or examine data from existing needs assessment surveys from research and policy communities to deliver resources based on identified needs - RM</p>

5. EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION AND ALIGNMENT WITHIN AND ACROSS PROVINCES

Goals	Objectives
5.1 Support effective communication amongst the MSSU team	5.1.1 Develop and implement an internal communications strategy, tools and mechanisms
5.2 Support effective engagement with key stakeholders	5.2.1 Develop and implement an external communications strategy that considers existing communications networks, ambassadors, patient stories, and infographics
5.3 Support interprovincial collaboration and research	<p>5.3.1 Develop processes to support Maritime research projects: sharing of information about projects, provide strategic support to projects/ grants that involve cross provincial data linkage</p> <p>5.3.2 Operational activities to support collaboration</p>