



The Canadian **Donation and Transplantation** Research Program

Programme de recherche en **don et transplantation** du Canada

# Patient, Family, Donor **RESEARCH FORUM** 2026

## PARTNERSHIP INVITATION



## **PATIENT, FAMILY, DONOR RESEARCH FORUM**

**Virtual | June 8 - 10, 2026**

We invite you to be part of the CDTRP Patient, Family, and Donor (PFD) Forum, a key event that enhances patient engagement in the donation and transplant ecosystem by bringing together patient and family donor partners, researchers, health care providers, and trainees. This year, the PFD Research Forum theme is *Pathways for Partnership: Centring Indigenous Priorities in Donation and Transplant Systems*.

**Through sessions, panel discussions, and workshops, the program will:**

1. Strengthen capacity in ethical, community-driven research partnerships with Indigenous Peoples.
2. Provide space for Indigenous patient, family, and donor voices and lived experiences to inform priorities in donation and transplantation research, policy, and practice.
3. Promote cultural safety and respectful engagement, including appropriate partnership protocols when conducting research with Indigenous communities.
4. Highlight Indigenous-led and community-driven research approaches that foster ethical collaboration and partnership.
5. Share tools, resources, and promising practices that support knowledge mobilization and strengthen patient and community engagement.
6. Identify research priorities and opportunities to improve equity and access in organ donation and transplantation systems.

**137**  
**PARTICIPANTS**

### **2026 PFD FORUM BY THE NUMBERS**

Participants self-identified as researchers, educators, health professionals, transplant patients or recipients, living donors, family/caregivers, or partner organization supporters.

To learn more, contact Manuel Escoto, Director of PFD Partnerships at [mescoto@cdtrp.ca](mailto:mescoto@cdtrp.ca)



## PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BENEFITS	PARTNER \$3000	SUPPORTER \$1500	FRIEND \$500
Host an interactive session * +	90 min	45 min	
Address attendees during opening or closing remarks	10 min	5 min	
Logo branding (website, promotions, landing slides, program, post meeting materials)	Prominent	Medium	Medium
Dedicated newsletter feature about why the Forum is important to your organization	✓		
Social media posts highlighting your support	✓	✓	✓
Verbal acknowledgment during opening and closing remarks	✓	✓	✓
Logo included in post event report	✓	✓	✓
Debrief meeting	✓	✓	

By participating in the CDTRP PFD Forum, you are advancing research, education, and collaboration in organ donation and transplantation. This is a unique opportunity to engage directly with individuals with lived experience in donation and transplantation. We invite you to explore the opportunities to participate and work with our team to find the best fit for your goals.

\* Format and content to be approved by CDTRP Management team.

+ Option to plan and deliver the session content OR be listed as named sponsor for a session that aligns with your organizations mandate.



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## ABOUT THE CDTRP

The Canadian Donation and Transplantation Research Program (CDTRP) was founded in 2013 and brought together the distinct solid organ, hematopoietic cell, and donation research communities through funded research projects. In 2018, it became a national network to support research. With its three platforms, five inter-related research themes and four cross-cutting priorities—identified through a collaborative process engaging patient, family, and donor (PFD) partners—the CDTRP rapidly became the ‘go to’ platform in Canada for donation and transplantation research. In 2023, its tenth year, the CDTRP became a not-for-profit organization.

Through the network, CDTRP investigators bring new ideas, find collaborators and partners, and receive resources and infrastructure to strengthen their research and increase their success. The network has grown to include more than 340 member researchers, trainees, and PFD partners at 37 sites across Canada, with 70+ partner organizations in Canada and around the world. CDTRP's ability to produce, synthesize, and mobilize evidence, collaborate with partners, and connect people and organizations is foraging the path to health, social, and economic benefits. Indeed, connectivity is the most-valued aspect of the CDTRP: connecting researchers to each other, with the network of partner organizations and stakeholders, and with PFD partners.

## OUR MISSION

Drive advances in Canadian donation and transplantation research and mobilize knowledge so that every wish to donate is fulfilled and transplantation is transformed from a treatment to a lasting and sustainable cure.

## JOIN US

To explore session hosting or sponsorship opportunities, contact:

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