

# LabPartners: Co-Creation of Best Practice Training Resources for Preclinical Patient Engagement In Cancer Immunotherapy Research.

Project duration: 2025-4-1 to 2027-4-8

This research team will be assessing, establishing and implementing best practices for integrating patient perspectives in preclinical research projects.

Project value:

**\$250,000**

BioCanRx Contribution:

**\$200,000**

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## About the project:

Preclinical patient engagement integrates patient perspectives into laboratory-based research to enhance its relevance and impact. Facilitating patient engagement at this early stage of the research process ensures patient perspectives are addressed and incorporated into research designs prior to costly clinical translation. The interdisciplinary LabPartners research group is addressing key challenges and knowledge gaps in this emerging field.

LabPartners' goals include: a) fostering meaningful preclinical patient engagement, b) building researcher and patient partner

capacity for engagement, and c) promoting best practices. To achieve these goals, the team has developed a process framework describing how preclinical patient engagement should be implemented. This proposal focuses on field testing, refining, and disseminating the LabPartners framework to ensure its utility and impact.

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**Key  
Deliverables**

1. Framework implementation for preclinical patient engagement through field testing
2. A refined, dissemination ready framework by LabPartners
3. Interactive online training resources that promote best practices in preclinical patient engagement

The power to kill cancer lies within us. Let's tell our bodies how.