

## Learning from Leaders: a dive into the resources available to help you level up your skills.



### Christine Broderick

Christine Broderick, MPH, is a Senior Engagement Officer at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). She provides thought leadership on engagement strategy and practice, and provides consultative guidance on engagement to support management of PCORI's research portfolio. In this role, Broderick advises on strategies to assure engagement of patients and other partners throughout the research process, and assistance to investigators and other awardees to build capacity for engagement.

Before joining PCORI, Broderick spent many years at the National Partnership for Women & Families, supporting partnerships between patients and families and a range of health care partners, including hospitals, ambulatory practices, health systems, policymakers, and quality measure developers – and advocating for policies to make health care more patient- and family-centered.

Broderick received her BA in Public Administration from Miami University, and her MPH (Health Policy) from George Washington University. She lives in Alexandria, Virginia with her husband and two children.



## Maria Dutarte

Maria Dutarte is the Executive Director of the European Patients' Academy (EUPATI) since 2020. Maria has previously worked for the European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG) coordinating patient involvement in a number of training initiatives and scientific projects. She has also worked for different scientific and international organisations, e.g. French National Research Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), International AIDS Society (IAS), The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and The International Foundation for Science (IFS). Her educational background is in International Education and Communications.

EUPATI's mission is to provide accessible, innovative and inclusive education that empowers patients and patient representatives with the right knowledge, skills and competencies to effectively engage and partner with all other stakeholders in medicines R&D and other health technologies. EUPATI also provides training for researchers on patient involvement and maintains a platform for collaboration between researchers and patients.



## Trudy Flynn

Trudy Flynn is a medically retired Nurse from Nova Scotia. She was diagnosed with Fibromyalgia over 31 years ago. She controls her Fibromyalgia with exercise, is a long distance runner and follows the slow but steady mantra. Trudy started being involved in research as part of a Clinical Trial in 2009 through the Nova Scotia Pain Clinic, which led to her first experience with actual Patient Engagement in 2014 as part of the steering committee for the CIHR – James Lind Alliance Adult Fibromyalgia Priority Setting Partnership. Trudy was a Patient Representative at the Canadian Pain Summit in Toronto in September, 2014 and it was at this Summit, listening to Researchers that Trudy realized how important Knowledge Translation and Patient Engagement were to making research relevant to the community the research is supposed to serve. As a result of this realization Trudy became a Research Ambassador for CIHR – IMHA and later a Patient Engagement Research Ambassador (PERA).

In 2017, Trudy coauthored a paper published in the Canadian Journal of Pain, called "A paradigm change to inform Fibromyalgia research priorities by engaging patients and health care professions". In 2018 Trudy wrote about her James Lind experience in an article titled "The James Lind Alliance: Identifying the Top 10 Canadian Research Priorities for Fibromyalgia – a Patients Perspective" for the CIHR website. In 2019 Trudy was a key contributor for the Fibromyalgia Section of the IMHA Online Resource Library.

In 2019 Trudy joined the Maritime SPOR Support Unit (MSSU) to help promote and participate in Patient Engagement in the Maritime Provinces, where she is currently the Co-Chair of the Patient Public Partner Council and serves on many MSSU committees.

In 2021 Trudy helped establish Fibromyalgia Association Canada (FAC), a nationwide organization led by people with fibromyalgia for people with fibromyalgia. Trudy is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors at FAC.



## Linda Hunter

Linda Hunter is a retired executive health care leader and nurse who has worked locally, nationally, and internationally in healthcare over the last 35 years. Linda has worked with seniors in three long term care homes in Ontario – including two rural homes. She has spinal stenosis, osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia, and severe degenerative disc disease and has lived with chronic pain for over 15 years. Linda is a CIHR Patient Engagement Research Ambassador (PERA) for the Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis with the Canadian Health Research Institutes (CIHR) and is a member of the Institute's Advisory Board. She co-developed online educational modules for patients and researchers about Patient Engagement in Research – available through CIHR-IMHA. Linda also is a Board member of the Canadian Arthritis Patient Alliance (CAPA) and is a member of the Fibromyalgia Association of Canada's Research and Education Committees.

Linda is an Essential Caregiver to her Mum, who lives with dementia, and is an executive member of the Friends and Family Council at her Mum's LTC Home.

Linda states: "It is vital that the patient voice is respected, listened to, and incorporated into change in the delivery of health care services, including research. Patients are experts about their disease and the lived experience. They are becoming more informed and knowledgeable, and it is imperative that they are included in the development of plans of what is researched." Linda is a Patient Co-Investigator for the Clinical Trails Training Platform research grant funded by CIHR called CanTrain and is the national Co-Chair of the Patient, Family and Community Member Working Group.



## Rebecca Mbewe

Rebecca Mbewe is a Research Assistant with the SHARE collaborative at Queen Mary's University London. She brings with her a wealth of community engagement experience that she has gained from having been involved in HIV work for over 20 years, which makes her well versed in the matters of Public and Community engagement. Rebecca's involvement within the HIV sector has been in a professional capacity as well as in a personal capacity as a woman with lived experience of HIV of 27 years.

In some of her professional engagements, Rebecca has been and continues to be a Mentor, Speaker and a Trainer. She is an active member of the UK Community Advisory Board (UKCAB) and sits on the British HIV Association (BHIVA) Audit and Standards sub-committee group. Rebecca is one of 3 directors for 4M Mentor Mothers Network CIC (<https://4mmm.org/>), an organisation offering mentoring, support and training for women living with HIV going through the perinatal journey.

Rebecca holds a BSc in Psychology and an MBA in Healthcare and is especially interested in the sexual health and wellbeing of Women particularly those from minority communities.

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## Amy Price

Dr. Amy Price worked as a Neurocognitive Rehabilitation consultant and in International Missions before sustaining serious injury and years of rehabilitation. She emerged with a goal to build a bridge between research methodology, research involvement and public engagement where the public is trained and empowered to be equal partners in health research. Amy's experience has shown her that shared knowledge, interdisciplinary collaboration and evidence-based research will shape and develop the future. She serves as a BMJ Research Editor (Patient and Public Partnership) and is a Senior Research Scientist at Stanford School of Medicine.