

Amplifying outputs and impact of research: how patient partners can get involved in communicating research findings.

Joletta Belton



Hey there, thanks for reading my bio. I'm Jo, a reader, writer, dog mom, and nature lover. I'm also a fierce advocate for the equitable inclusion of lived expertise in the work of pain. I got hurt many a moon ago working as a firefighter paramedic. It wasn't much of anything at the time, then became life-altering and world upending. I was forced to medically retire from the career that had defined me and started down a path of trying to better understand pain and what to do about it. I'm still on that path.

MyCuppaJo.substack.com is where I make sense of pain through science, stories, philosophy, and art through the lens of my own lived experiences of pain and trauma and struggling to find the right care. I'm also a partner in pain research, an author on peer-reviewed papers and textbook chapters, founding co-chair of IASP's Global Alliance of Partners for Pain Advocacy, and the first Patient & Public Partnerships editor at the Journal of Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy.

Eileen Davidson



Eileen Davidson is a rheumatoid arthritis patient advocate, writer and speaker from Vancouver, BC. She is a regular writer for Creaky Joints, an ambassador with The Arthritis Society and patient advisory board member (APAB) with Arthritis Research Canada among many more. Healthline, Everyday Health and Health Central have called her blog and social media channels one of the best in the arthritis community to follow. For a professional or panel event, Eileen Davidson's extensive knowledge and experience in the arthritis community make her an excellent resource and advocate. As a speaker, she brings a unique perspective and personal story that can inspire, educate and engage. As a writer, she is a skilled communicator and can provide valuable insights and information on the topic of arthritis advocacy.



Karen Woolley

As a bereaved parent, clinical trial participant, and caregiver to immediate family members with acute and chronic conditions, Karen's lived experience has motivated her to work with patients - as partners - in her medical communications career. With patient leaders in the Asia Pacific, European, and North American regions and her medical communication colleagues, she has conducted, presented, and published award-winning research on the ethical and effective involvement of patients in publications. This research has led to practical outcomes with the co-creation of free, evidence-based, online resources for plain language summaries of publications (<https://www.envisionthepatient.com/plstoolkit>) and for patient authorship (<https://www.patientauthorship.com/>).

Karen is a Professor at two universities, she has served on the Boards of government hospital and healthcare services (serving 400,000 patients) and not-for-profit research and medical communication associations, she has authored the Good Publication Practice 3 guidelines, prepared Position Statements on the ethical use of professional medical writers for European, American, and international not-for-profit associations, and served on the Editorial Board for an international research integrity journal. To renew her energy, she surfs, runs, cycles, and stairclimbs with (mostly) willing family and friends.

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Janice Tufte

Janice Tufte resides in Seattle, Washington USA and is active as a patient partner in health systems research and quality improvement efforts around the globe. Janice developed local Emergency Muslim Resource Guides two decades ago and today carries forward current resource knowledge around the social drivers of health and how they can impact complex care while addressing disparities in the delivery of whole person care. Janice serves on multiple technical expert panels, committees, and workgroups sharing the importance of equitable and collaborative inclusion in study design, conduct, implementation, and dissemination. More here: www.janicetufte.com