

An invitation to share our thoughts on dementia research:

The Provincial BSO Lived Experience Advisory has been approached by the Canadian Dementia Priority Setting Partnership to request our input on what our priorities are regarding dementia research. This study is being funded by the Alzheimer Society Research Program and is being led by Dr. Katherine McGilton (Senior Scientist, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, University Health Network) in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

We ask that you review the below questions before our Tuesday, July 19th meeting so we can complete these questions as a group. The deadline to share our feedback is August 1, 2016.

1. What question(s) about living with dementia (or living with someone with dementia) would you like to see answered by research?
2. What question(s) about the barriers to living well with dementia would you like to see answered by research?
3. What question(s) about preventing dementia would you like to see answered by research?
4. What question(s) about the treatments for symptoms of dementia would you like to see answered by research?
5. What question(s) about diagnosing or being diagnosed with dementia would you like to see answered by research?

AND...Here is the topic for the Wednesday, August 17th Live Chat:

One of the key areas that the Provincial BSO Lived Experience Advisory has selected for this year is a focus on enhancing system navigation for older adults living with dementia, substance use, mental illness and other neurological disorders and their care partners. Our members expressed an interest in assisting in the development of a “navigational” tool or resource to help people find their way through what can be a confusing health care system.

To assist us in developing this tool, our August Provincial Live Chat question will be:
When you think about your experiences finding and accessing health care, what were the things you wish you knew that you did not know? Where and when did you find the resources you needed and how could that have been improved?

No matter where you are in your journey, we would love to hear your input! Please join us on Wednesday, August 17th from 6:30 – 8PM for a live (typed) chat at www.dementiacrossroads.ca

With thanks , Sharon Osvald, Provincial Lived Experience Network Coordinator

