

SIG/Committee Name: Canada PRO SIG
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Board Liaison: Kim Cocks

Mission: The Canada-PRO Special Interest Group members are a diverse group of researchers and clinicians with a common interest in promoting patient reported outcomes (PRO) research and use in Canada. Building on initial efforts of the co-leaders and informal meetings at ISOQOL, we will discuss methodological issues and PRO developments, and generate new ideas to move PRO forward in Canada. Initial goals are to identify priority issues for PRO applications in clinical practice, research, and population monitoring, facilitate networking for Canadian researchers and clinicians and provide support for students and fellows, new investigators and first time attendees at ISOQOL.

Project/Objective	Actions/Deliverables	Project Chair	Project Members	Timeline
1. National Survey of Canadian PROMs Stakeholders and Users	Ethics approval and funding complete. Survey will be launched March 2021	Ahmed, S/Fayed	Ahmed, Fayed, Kuspinar, Bartlett, Moga	Informal interim report to be drafted, to be available for initial review with the collaboration committee July 2021
2. Draft a publication of survey results in collaboration with ISOQOL and disseminate to federal agencies and PROMs stakeholders in Canada	We received board approval to use the ISOQOL name in the dissemination of the survey and met with the collaboration committee to discuss the terms. Federal agencies (e.g. CADTH, CIHR) will be targeted as study recipients and knowledge end users.	Fayed/Kuspinar	Ahmed, Fayed, Kuspinar, Bartlett, Moga	November 2021
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Comments:

We held our 2020 SIG Meeting in virtually and it was very well attended, with announcements about the next survey and the rationale for it being shared. The membership offered suggestions on additional survey dissemination networks to increase the numbers of people completing the survey and representation of non-academic stakeholders. We have received ethics approval to conduct the survey at Queen's and McGill, with the Ontario SPOR providing additional funding to complete the research and Sara Ahmed's lab also providing in-kind support. We are targeting high levels of engagement and representation from any and all PROM users in Canada and expect to report the final results at our 2021 meeting. Finally, in the 2020 meeting we expect to gauge interest for a Canada-specific symposium.