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Conducting a multi-province research project in partnership with patients:
The PriCARE team experience

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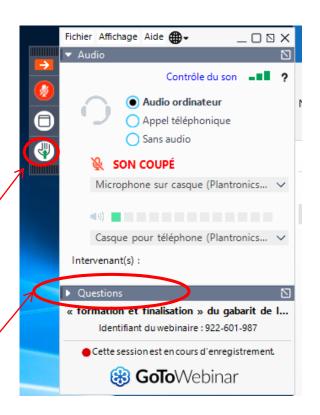
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Case management in primary care for frequent users of healthcare services with chronic conditions and complex care needs: implementation analysis and realist evaluation



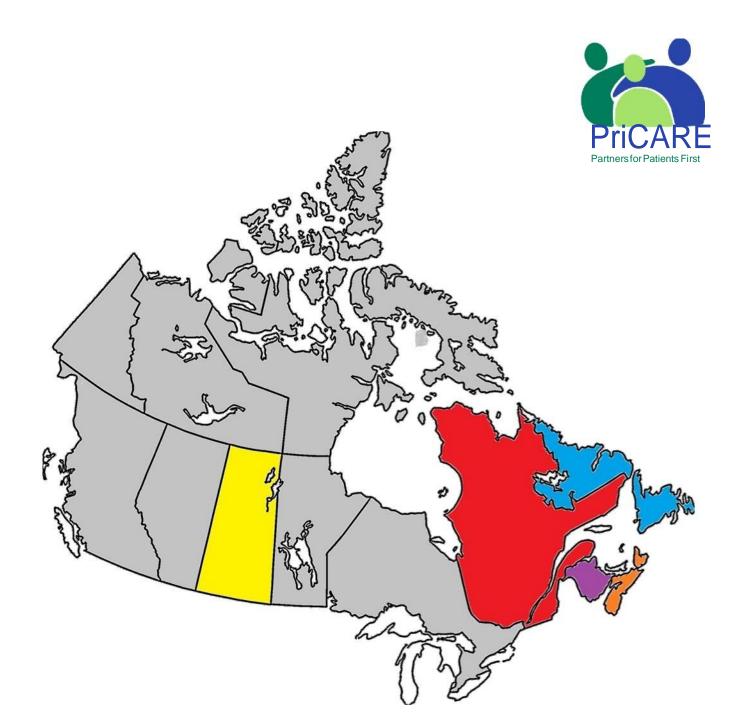
√ The PriCARE team

✓ Overview of the PriCARE project

✓ Concrete examples of the added value of patient partners



A team



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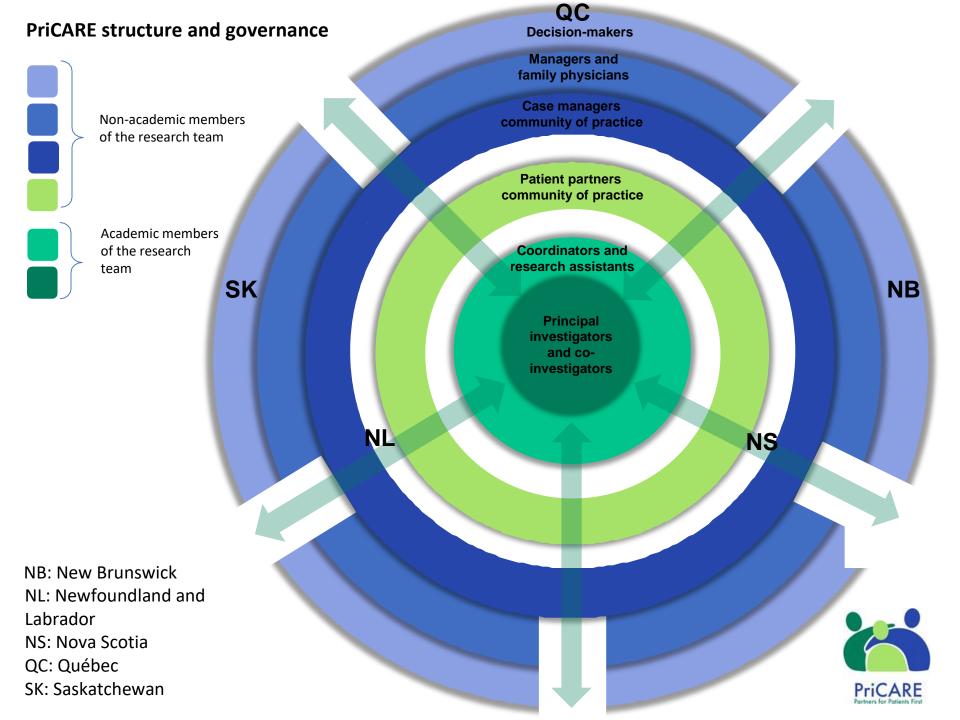
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Many decision-makers, managers, and clinicians





A project



Objective: Implement and evaluate a case management intervention for patients with chronic conditions and complex health care needs in 10 primary care clinics in 5 Canadian provinces.

Design: Multiple case study (10 cases) with mixed data sources.



Question 1: What contextual factors influenced the pre-implementation (planning, commitment, execution)?

Qualitative analysis of the implementation

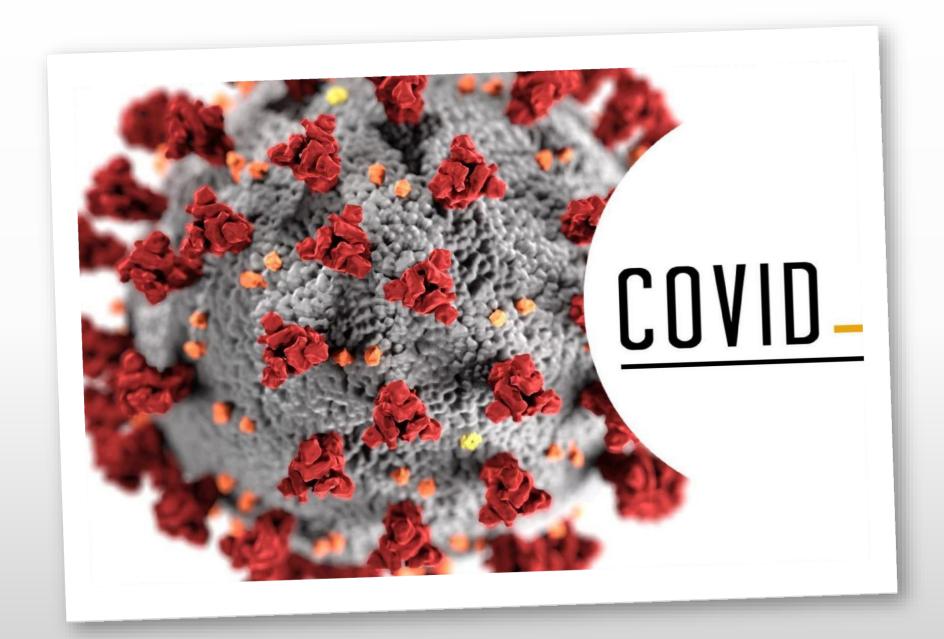
Question 2: How and why does case management in primary care work, for what types of frequent users, and under what circumstances?

Realist evaluation



Question 3: What are the next steps **toward scalability** of case management in Canada?

TRIAGE method

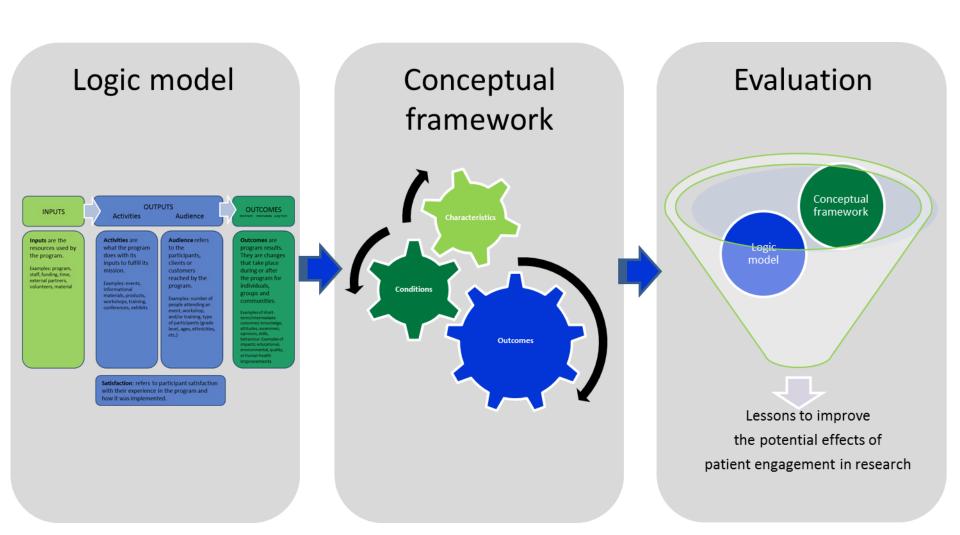




Question 4: What lessons can be drawn from the **engagement** of patient partners?

Logical analysis

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Added value of the patient partners

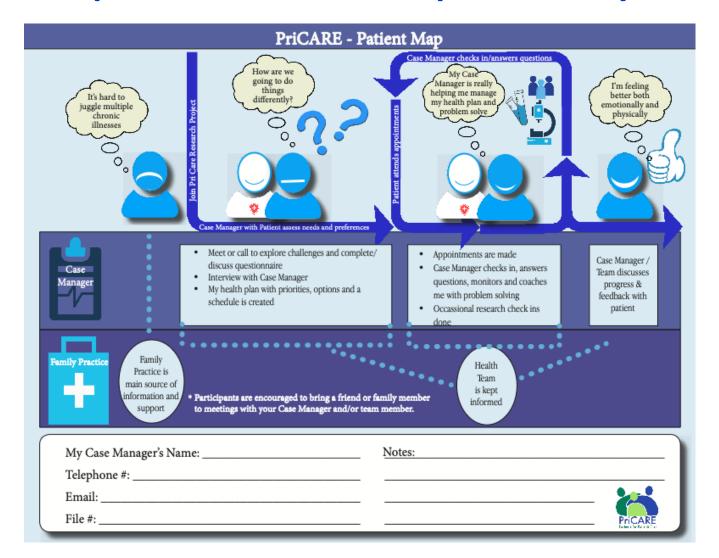
Role of patients in the team

- ✓ Contributions at all stages of the project:
 - Drafting of the protocol
 - Review of interview guides and questionnaires
 - Training of case managers
 - Recruitment of participants
 - Project monitoring
 - Data analysis and interpretation
 - Decisions over the course of the project
- ✓ Suggestions during the project:
 - Example 1: Patient pathway map
 - Example 2: Review of questionnaires

Challenges encountered

- ✓ Related to team functioning:
 - Welcoming new patients during the course of the project
 - Developing a working relationship
 - Creating an inter-provincial dynamic despite language barriers and different ways of working from one province to another
- ✓ Related to the project:
 - Example 2: Review of questionnaires

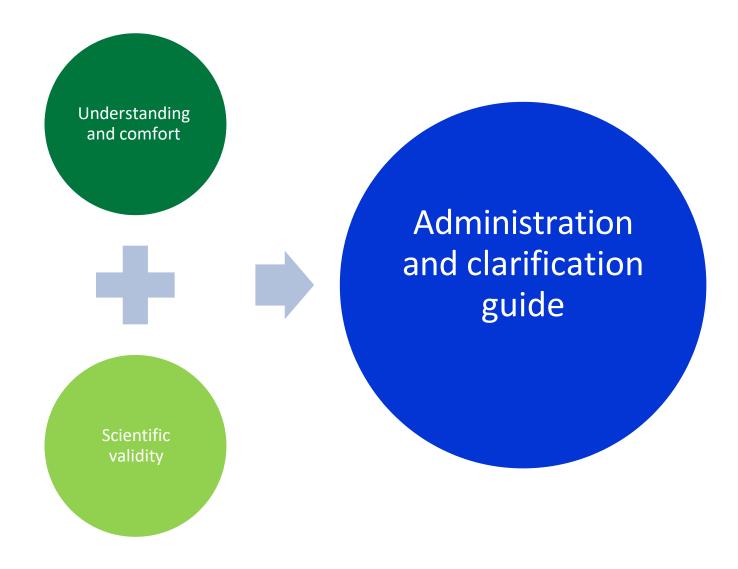
Example 1: Patient pathway map



Developed by Donna Rubenstein, Judy Porter, Brian Condran, Roger Stoddard, & Mike Warren

Patient partners found some questions unclear

Research team
hesitated to modify
validated
questionnaires



Reconciling validity and challenges of patient comfort and understanding:

Guidelines to patient-oriented questionnaires

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Explain the role of patients in PriCARE and governance

Explain the issues encountered

Based on the PriCARE experience

Propose steps for reaching consensus

Propose a guide for questionnaire administration

6 sections:

- 1. Introduction to the PriCARE program and the questionnaires' objectives
- Roles and responsibilities of the research team and techniques for more sensitive questions
- 3. Preparing the respondent
- 4. Clarification techniques
- 5. Questionnaires, including some clarifications
- 6. Instructions for debriefing after administering the questionnaires

In conclusion



A relationship of trust to be built

A greenhouse for the emergence of good ideas

An opportunity to work through differences and disagreements in order to move forward





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