

Purpose and Goals:

We are inviting patients and caregivers with lived experience to share their insights and perspectives to help improve care for people living with dementia. Your input will help us understand the diverse needs of people living with and/or caring for people with dementia and their experiences of using the healthcare system.

These valuable insights will help guide future care and system improvements. We will also share how your feedback will be used in planning and decisions.

Opportunity for Involvement:

Participants will take part in a series of virtual focus group sessions using Microsoft Teams. These sessions will include:

- Discussions to help refine **patient and caregiver personas**:
 - Personas are realistic examples of patients and caregivers that reflect a range of real-life experiences. They help our health care organization understand people's needs, priorities, and challenges so we can design care that is meaningful, supportive, and centred on what matters most to them
- Conversations about experiences with the health system, including challenges and gaps
- A final "closing the loop" session to share how your feedback has been used

We are looking to bring together a small group of **8–10 participants**, with a mix of patients and caregivers (approximately a **1 caregiver to 2 patients' ratio**). We also aim to include voices from across **all Island Health services areas**, ensuring representation from **rural, remote, and urban communities**.

You will have the opportunity to share your experiences, ideas, and perspectives in a supportive group setting.

Level of Engagement:

Involve

Expected Commitment Length:

This is a short-term opportunity taking place from **August 3 to August 28** with the closing the loop session taking place on **December 7**

Participants will be asked to attend approximately **12 hours total**, including:

- **4 hours total** – Persona development sessions (2 sessions × 2 hours each)
- **6 hours total** – Health system experience sessions (2 sessions × 3 hours each)
- **2 hours total** – Final "closing the loop" session

All sessions will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.



Scan the QR code to learn more about patient partnership at Island Health and to link to My Impact to get started on your profile.

Honorarium:

Currently, no honorarium is being offered.

Posting Close Date:

June 10, 2026 at 3pm

For More Information

- Visit www.islandhealth.ca/patient-partnership to learn more about patient partnership at Island Health.
- Email patient.experience@islandhealth.ca if you have questions or would like to learn more about this opportunity.
- To submit an expression of interest to join the Clinical Care & Prevention Plan – Dementia – Focus Group, set up a profile on My Impact <https://btrr.im/equv5> and someone from the Island Health Patient & Public Partnership Program will get in touch.