

Purpose and Goals:

Dysphagia (swallowing difficulty) is a significant yet often overlooked health issue affecting adults admitted to acute and critical care, adults living in the community and adults living in long-term care. The absence of a targeted regional strategy to address dysphagia in these at-risk populations is significantly impacting health outcomes.

The goals of the Regional Dysphagia Strategy working group are to develop resources, education, support documents and policy documents that improve equitable access to dysphagia management services across the Island Health region.

Opportunity for Involvement:

The Regional Dysphagia Strategy would like to welcome 2 patient partners to this working group. Preference will be given to those with lived and living experience with dysphagia as a patient, family member or caregiver.

- Meetings are held virtually via Microsoft Teams on the third Wednesday of every month (starting October) from 2:00 – 3:00pm

Expected Commitment Length:

This engagement will be ongoing for one year but likely continue longer.

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 Regional Dysphagia Strategy Working Group, set up a profile on My Impact <https://bttr.im/equv5> and someone from the Island Health Patient & Public Partnership Program will get in touch.

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