



Meet our Patient Partner: Timothy Slater

Hello, I would like to introduce myself. My previous focus in life was working full time for the Federal Government as the Chief of Facilities Management at a Federal Multilevel Institution, Collins Bay Institution (Kingston, Ontario). After working for the Federal Government for 31 years, retirement led me – like a lot of my peers – into volunteerism. My first volunteer position was when I joined the Kingston General Hospital as a Patient and Family Advisor Committee (PFAC) member, and I am now volunteering as a Patient Partner member of the Triple I team.



My attraction to the Triple I team is that their members share my vision of what hemodialysis should be all about, which is a multi-disciplined, patient friendly, cooperative interaction that is meaningful to both patients and staff. What I hope to offer to the Triple I team is my 28 years of experience as a renal dialysis patient and three years as a transplant patient. During my time as a dialysis patient, I have seen positive changes both in the mechanics of dialysis and recently in the co-operative approach in the clinics.

I firmly believe in patient self-care and I live my life as an example that hemodialysis is not a death sentence, but rather something that can be managed with the right knowledge, support, and attitude. I am looking forward to helping the Triple I team move forward into Wave 2 of this project.

Project Updates:

We are continuing to submit ethics approval packages for the Hubs of Care patient and healthcare provider surveys at each of the Triple I sites' respective institutions. The surveys will help determine the types of healthcare providers that are needed and desired in in-centre hemodialysis units across Canada. We will roll out the surveys once we are able to do so, respecting the COVID-19 safety protocols.

We have been collating educational content to include in Lena, an app-based interactive educational platform we are developing, where individuals with CKD on in-centre hemodialysis can individually choose which information they would like to receive by interacting with a virtual navigator. We will be searching for individuals to pilot the app once the prototype has been developed.

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Knowledge Sharing

We are excited to announce that our first Triple I manuscript entitled "A mixed method investigation to determine priorities for improving information, interaction and individualization of care among individuals on in-centre hemodialysis: The Triple I Study" has been accepted for publication in the Canadian Journal of Kidney Health and Disease!



We are continuing to submit and complete writing manuscripts reporting on the qualitative analyses from the Phase 1 focus groups and interviews, and a scoping review of hemodialysis interventions to address the top 10 challenges to in-centre HD care.

We are pleased to report that we are also making significant updates and improvements to our Triple I website (see link to website below) – stay tuned!



Thank you for your involvement.

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