Organization	Diabetes Canada
URL	https://diabetes.ca/advocacy---policies/our-policy-positions/engaging-the-diabetes-community
Area(s) of Focus	People with diabetes
Relevance to social determinants of health and health equity	Strong
Intended Use	Outlines the strategies and recommendations to achieving patient participation.
Principles/Values	Incorporating patients' perspectives, experiences, and preferences in all aspects of health-related activities ensures that their needs and concerns are considered, included, and respected, fostering a shared sense of purpose.
Tools/Guides	Using a systematic approach and deliberative process to develop evidence-informed recommendations • Conducting evidence-based analysis • Making policy recommendations • Developing and launching self-management tools and supports • Gathering input on health-care provider resources • Disseminating findings and recommendations
Strategies	• Patients can be involved through governance tables, advisory groups, ad-hoc advisory roles, online surveys, and focus groups. • Patients can participate in developing research and evaluation questions, setting priorities, collecting data, interpreting results, and disseminating information within their diverse socio-ethnic communities and other health advocacy groups. • Patients can serve as full members of a research team or provide the perspectives of specific communities that cannot represent themselves.
Barriers/Risks	• Lack of health literacy • Patient recruitment could be time-consuming • The time and resources needed to involve patients and sustain their engagement can be substantial. • The challenge of forming diverse groups that represent the population is compounded by time constraints and logistical concerns, such as location.
Success Factors	Patients and healthcare providers (HCPs) prioritize different aspects of health and healthcare and may have varying perceptions of the barriers to achieving optimal quality of life and health outcomes.
Evaluation	Not specified