

Engaging People with Lived/Living Experience in **IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE**

WHO ARE PEOPLE WITH LIVED/LIVING EXPERIENCE (PWLE)?



- Anyone who has or is currently living with a health condition, cares or cared for someone who does, or simply has interacted with the health care system.
- PWLE's can also use other names, such as "patient partners", "lived experience advisors", or "community partners", among others.

WHY ENGAGE PWLE IN IMPLEMENTATION-FOCUSED RESEARCH?



For PWLEs

- Sharing your life experience may help others.
- Opportunities to collaborate with people from different backgrounds and skills.
- To learn about how research is done.
- To support efforts to apply research in real life.

For Knowledge Users & Decision-Makers

- Gain a better understanding of the diversity of people's life experiences.
- Learn about what helps or makes it harder to use research in real-life settings, from different perspectives.



For the Community

- May help shape healthcare policies and processes around community priorities.
- Create a healthcare system that better meets the needs of everyone.
- Ensure diverse voices are included in healthcare decision-making.



Implementation science can be **MESSY** (and that's OK!)

Implementation-focused research is often considered "messy" because it deals with **real-world changes and real people**.

As much as we try to follow a plan for a research project, unexpected changes happen all the time within the team, healthcare organizations, or the healthcare system in general.

Being flexible, by **balancing the needs of the research with the needs of the people involved**, is a natural and necessary part of implementing complex, real-world change.

HOW IS ENGAGING PWLEs IN IMPLEMENTATION-FOCUSED RESEARCH DIFFERENT FROM ENGAGING IN OTHER TYPES OF RESEARCH?

It should be quite similar!

Check out this toolkit from the University Health Network to learn more:



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<https://kite-uhn-piper.s3.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com/docs/piper-tool.pdf>



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