

# The Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research in Ontario

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# What is SPOR?

- The Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) is a joint federal, provincial, territorial initiative over 5 years.
- SPOR fosters:
  - Evidence-informed health care with system-wide impact.
  - Enhanced patient engagement and partnerships.
  - Innovative collaboration among researchers, clinicians, patients, health system administrators, policy makers, health charities, industry, etc.
- It engages a coalition of partners dedicated to the integration of research into care and the translation of research results into improved health outcomes, so each patient receives the right intervention at the right time.

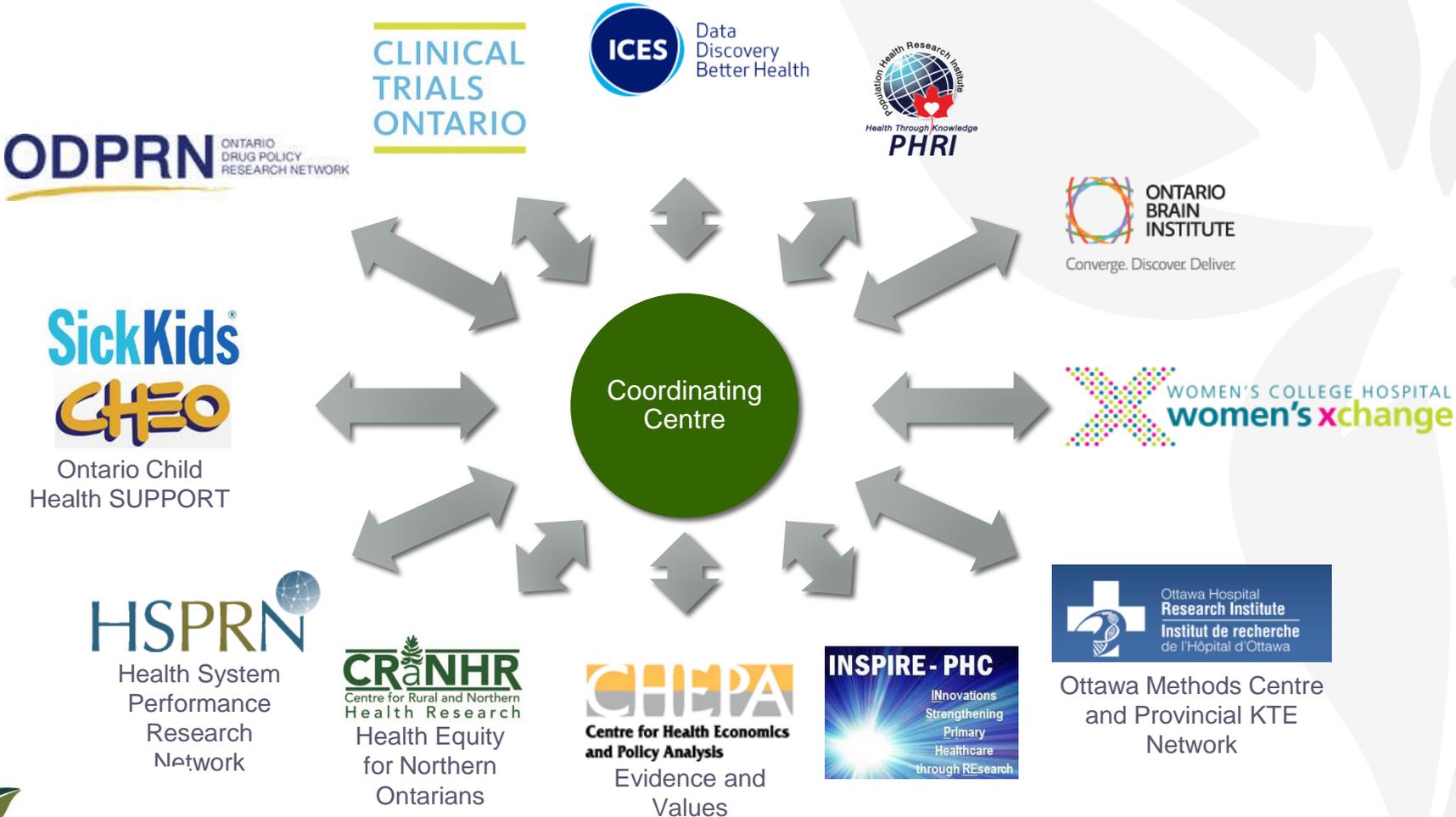
# National and Regional Components

- SPOR Networks
  - National collaborations to generate research evidence and innovations designed to improve patient health and health care systems.
- SPOR SUPPORT Units
  - Provincial and/or regional centres providing support and expertise to those engaged in patient-oriented research.
- Both Networks and SUPPORT Units integrate patient engagement and training and mentoring activities as core components.

# What is OSSU?

- The Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit (OSSU) – a collaboration of Ontario researchers, policy experts, patients, clinicians, industry representatives and other health system professionals.
- With a ~\$100 million budget (50:50 federal/provincial contribution), OSSU provides resources, infrastructure, support and expertise for those engaged in patient-oriented research and implementation.
- Focus on data access, methodological and research services, knowledge translation, best-practice dissemination, clinical trials and capacity building.

# OSSU Centres



**ODPRN** ONTARIO DRUG POLICY RESEARCH NETWORK

**CLINICAL TRIALS ONTARIO**

**ICES** Data Discovery Better Health

Population Health Research Institute  
**PHRI**  
Health Through Knowledge

**ONTARIO BRAIN INSTITUTE**  
Converge. Discover. Deliver.

**SickKids**  
**CHEO**  
Ontario Child Health SUPPORT

**Coordinating Centre**

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL**  
**women's xchange**

**HSPRN**  
Health System Performance Research Network

**CRaNHR**  
Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research  
Health Equity for Northern Ontarians

**CHEPA**  
Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis  
Evidence and Values

**INSPIRE - PHC**  
Innovations Strengthening Primary Healthcare through REsearch

Ottawa Hospital Research Institute  
Institut de recherche de l'Hôpital d'Ottawa  
Ottawa Methods Centre and Provincial KTE Network

**ONTARIO SPOR SUPPORT UNIT**

# OSSU + CTO

- OSSU and the SPOR initiative enhances the work of CTO by providing opportunities around:
  - Patient Engagement: CTO contributes to, and leverages from, OSSU patient engagement activities, including work focused on the science of patient engagement and the development of a new patient engagement rubric.
  - Collaboration: CTO continues to develop and strengthen its relationships with the OSSU Research Centres and with private sector partners, which provides access to clinical trialists, as well as system and population health researchers who help to further the CTO agenda.
  - Clinical Trials: It is expected that some projects funded through the OSSU IMPACT Awards will employ CTO's Streamlined Research Ethic Review system.

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