



Public Awareness Committee Member Positions

The Canadian Medication Appropriateness and Deprescribing Network Public Awareness Committee

The Canadian Medication Appropriateness and Deprescribing Network (CADeN) Public Awareness Committee is a group of community leaders, medication safety advocates and people with lived/living experience working together to promote the safe and appropriate use of medications for all Canadians. Their mission includes:

- a) to raise public awareness of medication overload (taking more medications than necessary, or taking multiple medications which, together, cause more harm than good); and
- b) to promote the deprescribing of medications that are no longer needed or that may be causing harm.

In addition, the Public Awareness Committee provides advice and guidance to CADeN, helping to ensure the perspectives of the public and those with lived/living experience inform and shape our work.

What do CADeN Public Awareness Committee members do?

CADeN Public Awareness Committee members engage in a variety of activities in support of the committee's mission, including:

- Advocate for safe and appropriate medication use within their personal and professional networks, community and province;
- Promote and participate in the development, adaptation, and planning of CADeN resources, events and activities;
- Offer advice and feedback on CADeN's national public awareness campaign;
- Participate in growing CADeN's network of partners by facilitating contacts with champions and leaders from community organizations;
- Help build relationships with community and health organizations as well as government departments; and
- Contribute to the development of a national strategy for appropriate medication use, a project led by the Canadian Drug Agency Transition Office.

Committee members will be offered an honorarium for their time devoted to committee meetings and certain other committee-related activities. The honorarium will be at a rate of \$20/hour. Committee meetings are held on a bimonthly basis (approximately 5 one-hour meetings per year).



What interests, experiences and skills do you need to be a Public Awareness Committee Member?

In order to contribute effectively to the Public Awareness Committee, members will have one or more of the following experiences and competencies:

- A strong understanding of the importance of safe and appropriate medication use as well as the harm medication overload can cause to individuals, their families and communities;
- Involvement with a network of organizations at community, provincial and/or national levels with which they will be able to promote the safe and appropriate use of medications;
- Lived/living experience with the impacts of medication overload and deprescribing, as a patient, caregiver, or friend;
- Experience advocating for health- or seniors-related issues;
- The ability to exercise discretion and maintain confidentiality of organizational information;
- A commitment to creating awareness and change around appropriate medication use in Canada.

In particular, the Committee is seeking representation from the following regions:

- The Maritime provinces
- Newfoundland & Labrador
- Ontario
- Saskatchewan
- Alberta
- The Territories

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

The CADeN Public Awareness Committee encourages applications from people with diverse backgrounds and experiences, including women, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, racialized persons/visible minorities, and persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity (LGBTQIA/2S persons).

What will you gain as a Public Awareness Committee Member?

- Play an active role in implementing a national public awareness campaign on safe and appropriate medication use.
- Gain knowledge of research and policy work around appropriate medication use and deprescribing.
- Strengthen your network by connecting with public leaders from across the country who share a passion for promoting safe and appropriate medication use.
- Meet and network with people passionate about medication safety issues across Canada.



Information to provide:

Please send your résumé and a brief cover letter outlining why you are interested in the position and what experiences and skills you will bring to the role. **Applications may be sent to jennie.herbin@rimuhc.ca. The deadline to apply is Friday, October 27th, 2023.**

Questions about the position or application process? Please do not hesitate to contact Jennie Herbin, Lead, Patient & Community Engagement, at jennie.herbin@rimuhc.ca.

Canadian Medication Appropriateness & Deprescribing Network (CADeN)

The [Canadian Medication Appropriateness and Deprescribing Network \(CADeN\)](#) is a group of clinicians, educators, people with lived experience, policymakers, and researchers. We work together to produce, share, and apply information to promote the safe and appropriate use of medications.

To learn more, visit DeprescribingNetwork.ca.

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