

# Development of Primary Care Priority Alignment for Spinal Cord Injuries in Canada: Findings from the Circulus Primary Care Network SCI Summit

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## Introduction

Circulus SCI Primary Care Network aims to bridge gaps in primary care for individuals with spinal cord injury through research, education, increasing primary care resources, networking with various stakeholders and general advocacy.

The Network has four objectives:

- Canada-wide collaborative Network of individuals from all stakeholders in improving primary care for individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI)
- To develop and disseminate the best primary care for individuals with SCI nationally
- To establish a standard of care in primary care for individuals with SCI nationally
- To promote knowledge sharing and collaboration in primary care for individuals with SCI through a multi-pronged approach including education, research, projects and summits

## About the Event

A virtual network consultation event called “The Summit” was hosted to seek input and insights on four priority planning topics: “Voice of People with Live Experience”, “Priority for Knowledge Translation”, “Building and Sustaining the Network”, and “Equity Lens”.

The Summit acted as an opportunity for individuals with spinal cord injuries, care partners, primary care providers, advocates, researchers and funders to come together to discuss the current landscape and leverage everyone’s expertise to reduce barriers to care in Ontario. Participants of the Summit were invited based on their membership in the Circulus network and their past involvement in Circulus-related, primary care projects for persons with SCI. 33 individuals attended the event.

The four priority planning topics and polling questions were determined by facilitated discussions at the Circulus Steering Committee meetings and a network survey.

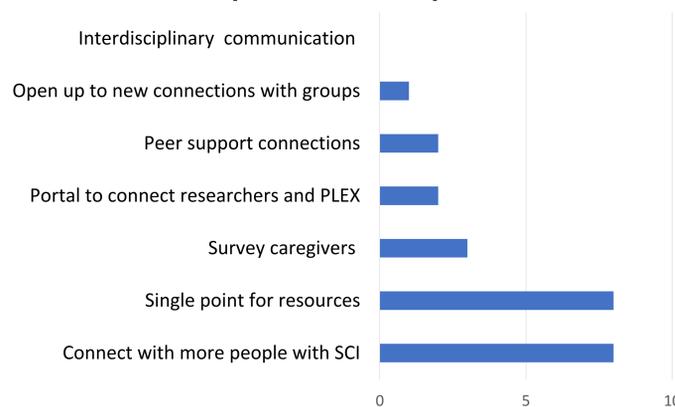
## Results

Participants were divided into four “breakout rooms” in the virtual platform, Remo. They shared their insight and ideas on the priority planning topics to start the process of developing action steps for the Network. Two areas were identified for each topic as a top priority for planning:

Voice of People with Lived Experience	Knowledge Translation
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a Central Hub</li> <li>2. Develop a survey for Caregivers</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create a source of information for clinicians</li> <li>2. Establish a team of evaluators to review information and aggregate content</li> </ol>
Building & Sustaining the Network	Equity Lens
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define the Network’s Terms of Reference</li> <li>2. Develop a strategy to expand the Network</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establish a baseline of gaps</li> <li>2. Clarify the scope of the Network’s work to identify what can be done to close the gaps</li> </ol>

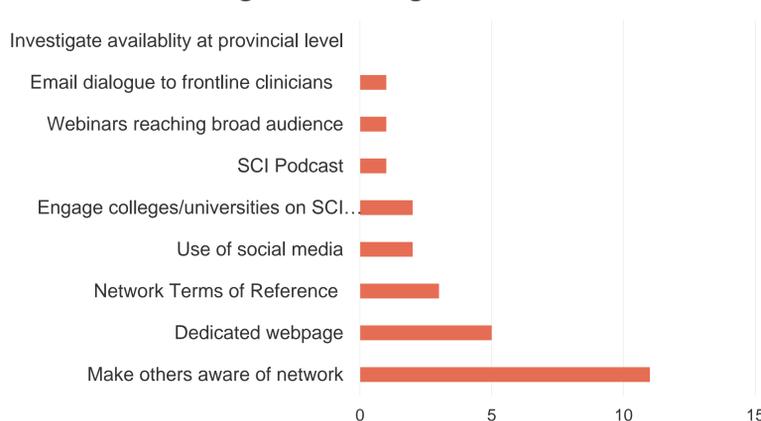
Participants ranked the following action items planning to strengthen the voice of people with lived experience (24 responses):

### Voice of People with Live Experience



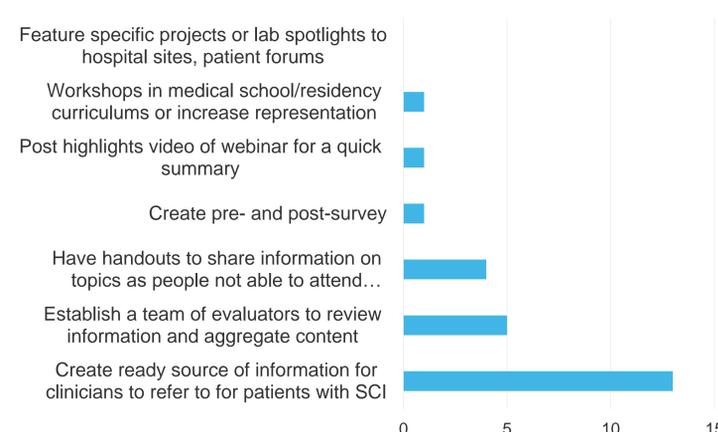
Participants ranked the following action items for building and sustaining the Network (26 responses):

### Building & Sustaining the Network



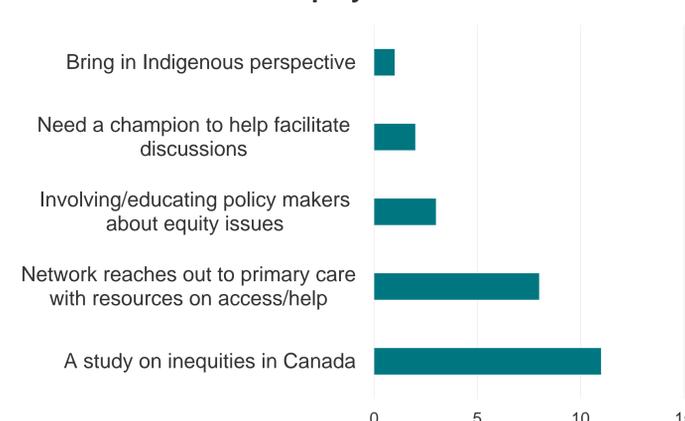
Participants ranked the following Knowledge Translation action items for the consideration of the Planning Team (25 responses):

### Priority for Knowledge Translation



Participants ranked the following action items for building equity lens for the Network (25 responses):

### Equity Lens



## Next Steps

The information gathered from the Summit will be used by the Network’s Steering Committee to start the planning process to create a six to twelve-month action plan and reach out to participants that expressed interest in the priority topics. The committee provided participants with a report and will provide any additional updates, information and education sessions as well as the date for the next annual Summit.

