

Patient-Reported Indicator Surveys (PaRIS) Field Trial

What is PaRIS?

[The Patient-Reported Indicator Surveys \(PaRIS\)](#) is a tool that was developed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to help member countries measure what matters to primary health care clients. Data collected through PaRIS helps policymakers and providers direct funding and quality improvement efforts to what's most important. It generates data collected over time from health systems in multiple countries that's standardized so the effectiveness of different systems can be compared.

The [International Survey of People Living with Chronic Conditions](#) is a multi-year, international study that is using PaRIS to collect client and provider perspectives on how different health systems are supporting people with chronic conditions.

What is the PaRIS Field Trial?

The PaRIS Field Trial is a step that will lay the groundwork for the next phase of the International Survey of People Living with Chronic conditions. This Field Trial is a pilot study that will help the researchers measure the effectiveness of PaRIS as a tool and determine how best to implement it.

Primary care clients and providers in multiple countries will participate in the Field Trial. We are recruiting participants from Ontario. Providers will complete survey describing their practice setting. They will invite their clients to complete an anonymous survey about their health care experiences and their health outcomes.

Who can participate?

Primary health care providers and their clients are needed for this study.

The Alliance is looking for physicians and nurse practitioners from all models in our sector to participate. The project will also include Fee for Service providers in various models. Participating providers must have at least 300 eligible clients rostered to them and have seen these clients in their practice within the previous six months.

Clients must be 45 years or older, living at home (not in long-term care or other congregate setting), have had at least one registered contact with their primary care provider in the previous six months, and be able to answer a written survey in English or French.

What compensation is provided?

Compensation is not being provided directly to participating clients. Participating providers will receive up to \$1500 as compensation for the work required to identify eligible clients and distribute the survey to them. They will not be compensated for responding to the provider survey.

How do I get involved?

The Alliance for Healthier communities is recruiting clinicians on behalf of the Primary Care Research Network. If you are a clinician and interested in participating, please email Dr. Jennifer Rayner, our Director of Research and Evaluation, at Jennifer.Rayner@AllianceON.org.

If you have colleagues working in other primary health care settings who may be interested, consider sharing this with them. They can also email Dr. Rayner for more information.

