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Look what patient/family advisors helped us accomplish in 2019

In 2019, 24 different projects presented a wide variety of engagement opportunities to patients and families who are members of the Primary Health Care Virtual Patient Engagement Network (VPEN).

The Primary Health Care Integration Network (PHCIN), a Strategic Clinical Network within the Primary Health Care Program, hosted seven new engagement opportunities/projects throughout the year, while across the AHS provincial Primary Health Care program there were seven additional projects with patient/family advisor participation.

The VPEN also recruited advisors for five different Primary Care Network activities in Alberta plus five external engagement opportunities with other healthcare partners.

The graphic below shows the diverse range of projects engaging VPEN members in 2019. Note, the graphic does not fully capture all patient and family engagement activity occurring across primary care in Alberta.

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(*VPEN officially launched June 19, 2019)

Who’s involved in VPEN?

About 50% of VPEN members were involved in various projects throughout the year.

30 advisors actively logged volunteer hours with AHS Primary Health Care projects in 2019. Many advisors were involved in multiple activities.

I think this work is really important. I know impact is occurring, but it’s incremental and change is slow. This work requires patience.
- Mike, Patient Advisor

Involve patients & families in your work

Watch this Video and see why collaborating with patients and families is important to all of us in PHC as we work together to integrate healthcare in our province.

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Note: Ongoing projects from 2018 with patient engagement activities are not included above.