



## Cultural Sensitivity and Recruitment

Chronic kidney disease disproportionately affects Indigenous communities in Canada. It is critical that we work to eliminate disparities in access to diagnosis and treatment facing Indigenous individuals. In recognizing this disparity and the necessity for patient engagement and patient-oriented research involving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people, in January 2018, we recruited an Indigenous Research Assistant to engage with hemodialysis patients in Winnipeg.

## Welcome new Winnipeg Team Members



*New Triple I Indigenous Research Assistant:  
Priscila Ferreira da Silva*

Priscila is an Amazonian student residing on Treaty 1 territory and pursuing her MSc in Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. Priscila is eager to work as a new research assistant in Phase 2 of the Triple I project conducting surveys with in-centre HD patients and ensuring the vital representation of Indigenous peoples.



*New Triple I Research Coordinator:  
Melanie Talson, MA.*

Melanie comes to the Triple I project with a background in qualitative research and patient-centred, participatory action research in the field of health and social sciences. She has been enjoying helping with developing and administering the survey, analyzing data, working with KT initiatives and the CanSOLVE KT community and preparing for CSN and CanSOLVE meetings.

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## We need your help!

Are you a CKD Patient or Caregiver? Are you interested in improving hemodialysis care in Canada? We would love to hear from you! Please complete our online survey at: <http://betterkidneycare.ca>

## Project Update:

**Phase 1:** Data Analysis is ongoing and patient partners are providing their impressions and reflections on the data. Our patient partners are able to draw on their lived experience in order to provide invaluable insight into the qualitative data analysis.

**Phase 2:** We finished piloting the survey in Winnipeg and the final version of the survey is rolling out in Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and awaiting ethical approval in Ottawa, Montreal, Vancouver and Halifax. The survey is also available online on the Triple I website: <http://betterkidneycare.ca>

## Mark your Calendars:

### May 2-5, 2019 see you in Montreal!

Canadian Society of Nephrologists Conference. Our research team members including patient partners will be presenting two posters sharing Triple I CanSOLVE findings:

- Reflections on patient partner-researcher collaboration in qualitative analysis
- Challenges to HD care and solutions: preliminary analysis of Phase 1

### Can-SOLVE AGM

- Triple-I project poster short presentation in the Marketplace
- Triple-I Project Face-to-Face meeting: **Saturday, May 4th 8:00-9:00AM**

### Saturday, June 15 2019

Workshop/Meeting in Winnipeg, MB

- Priority-setting workshop with multiple stakeholders : patients, caregivers, researchers, policy-makers, nephrologists and allied health care professionals.
- Form consensus on top 2-5 priorities to improve HD care