

UPDATE: LAUNCH OF ALBERTA'S SPOR SUPPORT UNIT

November 28, 2013 update

On November 8, federal Health minister Rona Ambrose, Alberta Health minister Fred Horne, CIHR President Alain Beaudet, and our President and CEO Cy Frank announced the launch of the first-in-Canada Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit. Since then, activity behind the scenes has ramped up in order to put the governance, financial, reporting, and other systems that we need to have, in place. Some of this activity will take several months to complete. We've received a great response to the Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Platform Leads Positions postings. As a reminder: the deadline for applying for Platform Leads Positions is Friday, November 29.

Applicants also had questions around the platforms and I want to [share](#) those, plus our responses to them, with everyone. Included in these FAQs is a diagram of the Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit organizational structure diagram as approved by the SPOR Steering Committee.

In addition, I had the opportunity to attend the launch of the SPOR Network in Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations webinar on November 21, 2013. The [webinar slide deck](#) features important high level information, timelines and application dates, plans and processes related to the emergence and implementation of this national SPOR Network.

As the Unit develops and further details are confirmed or come to my attention, I'll post updates. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, comments or want to learn more about the initiative.

For more information:

Tim Murphy, MBA, Vice President, Provincial Platforms & Alberta Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) SUPPORT Unit

Tim.Murphy@albertainnovates.ca

(780) 429-6882