



Pool members invited to participate in consultation activities will be representing their personal views.



Patient and Consumer Participation Pool

Patients and Consumers have important views and experiences to share that can help strengthen Health Canada's decision making on matters related to the health and safety of Canadians. To this end, Health Canada is creating a **Patient and Consumer Participation Pool**.

The Pool will make it easier for Health Canada to access a wide variety of patients, consumers and caregivers for its consultation activities. Initially, consultations will be on matters relating to health products and food.

Our goal is to bring about a hundred patients and consumers from diverse backgrounds, perspectives, age groups and various geographic regions across the country into this Pool and build their capacity to make meaningful contributions. Pool members will learn about Health Canada's mandate, roles and responsibilities as well as our legislative and regulatory processes. This knowledge will be useful when participating in consultations on a variety of health products and food-related subjects such as:

- medical devices like hearing aids or syringes;
- natural health products, such as vitamins and minerals, herbal remedies and homeopathic and traditional medicines;
- prescription and non-prescription drugs;
- novel foods, for example, genetically modified foods;
- microbial hazards like listeria, e.coli and salmonella;
- labelling and marketing of foods for health claims or allergens;
- sodium reduction; and
- promoting healthy eating.

Health Canada plays a major role in helping Canadians maintain and improve their health by providing access to safe, high quality food, drugs, medical devices, and other health products, along with the information Canadians need for healthy decisions.

The Pool will strengthen our ability to involve and consult with patients, consumers and caregivers. For more information on the Pool, including eligibility and how to apply please visit:

www.health.gc.ca/participationpool
or call: 1-866-225-0709

