

Seeking Members for the Dementia Surveillance Project Advisory Committee

The Dementia Surveillance Project Advisory Committee is currently seeking **persons living with dementia and caregivers** to join the Advisory Committee. The Dementia Surveillance Project Advisory Committee aims to include individuals who reflect the diversity of persons living with dementia and care partners from all parts of Canada.

The Dementia Surveillance project is a research study led by Dr. George Heckman and Dr. Carrie McAiney, and funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. The purpose of this project is to enhance the national dementia data system by expanding the type of data collected across the country. Information gathered during this project will help us understand dementia and how to best support Canadians living with dementia. The enhanced dementia data system will help guide policies and programs that promote the wellbeing of those living with dementia and care partners.

The Advisory Committee consists of a variety of individuals, including:

- persons with dementia
- family and friend caregivers
- Alzheimer's Society members
- individuals from other advocacy groups for persons with dementia
- health professionals
- individuals who work in health information agencies.

Over the three-and-a-half-year project, the Advisory Committee will meet twice a year (or as needed). However, we understand that participation may change over time (e.g., members may not be available for a period of time or may have to step away from the project completely). This is perfectly acceptable. We appreciate any contribution that members are able to make.

Please contact Vanessa Vucea-Tirabassi at vanessa.vucea-tirabassi@the-ria.ca or 519-904-0660 ext. 4136 to learn more about this project or to let us know that you are interested in joining the Advisory Committee.