Supporting Successful Collaborations Translating the Language



Multi-disciplinary teams benefit from diverse backgrounds coming together to move research ideas forward. A challenge can often be the different languages and acronyms used across fields. Below is a list of acronyms that we have found useful to date. We hope you work with your research team and partners to add additional terms that will help support your successful collaborations.

WE-SPARK Partners		
HDGH	Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare	
SCC	St. Clair College	
UWindsor	University of Windsor	
WRH	Windsor Regional Hospital	
Organizations/Networks/Agencies/Teams		
CBSA	Canadian Border Services Agency	
CCCTN/3CTN	Canadian Cancer Clinical Trials Network	
CFIA	Canadian Food Inspection Agency	
HFHS	Henry Ford Health System	
KCI	Karmanos Cancer Institute	
LHSC	London Health Sciences Centre	
NICE	National Institute for Healthcare Excellence	
NUCLEUS	Network of Core Labs Enabling Solutions (WE-SPARK Initiative)	
OHT	Ontario Health Teams	
OICR	Ontario Institute for Cancer Research	
SSM	Schulich School of Medicine	
WCRG	Windsor Cancer Research Group	
WEEDC	Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation	
WSU	Wayne State University	
AFHTO	Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario	
LHIN	Local Health Integration Network	
Institution Specific		
HDGH		
GMHOT	Geriatric Mental Health Outreach Team	
GAP	Geriatric Assessment Program	
RCC	Regional Children's Centre	
ABI	Acquired Brain Injury Program	
WMS	Withdrawal Management Services	
CMC	Complex Medical Care Program	
PC	Palliative Care Program	
CW	Cardiac Wellness Program	
BATC	Bariatric Assessment and Treatment Centre	

KTE	Knowledge Transfer and Education
WAAOS	Windsor Addiction Assessment & Outpatient Services
ACT	Assertive Community Treatment
MHAUCC	The Mental Health and Addictions Urgent Care Centre
MOST	Mobile Outreach and Support Team
TNI	Toldo Neurobehavioural Institute – Inpatient Specialized Mental Health
ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy Clinic
W-PEP	Wellness Program for Extended Psychosis
SCC	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
HOAE	Health Occupations Aptitude Examination
BACT	Behavioural Assessment and Care Team
THRIVES	Toolbox for Help and Resources to Increase Volume and Empower
	Students
CAHS	Centre for Applied Health Sciences
UWindsor	·
ACC	Animal Care Committee
BSC	Biological Safety Committee
СВІ	Cross Border Institute
FAHSS	Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
GLIER	Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research
IDIR	Institute for Diagnostic Imaging Research
ORIS	Office of Research and Innovation Services
VPRI	Vice-President, Research and Innovation
ARC	Academic Research Centre
WRH	
PFA	Patient & Family Advisor
PFAC	Patient and Family Advisory Council
MCC	Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference
PCI	Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
CTU	Clinical Teaching Unit
SWOMEN	Southwestern Ontario Medical Education Network
SA/DVCT	Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centre
DSC	District Stroke Centre
WRCP	Windsor Regional Cancer Program
ARC	Academic & Research Committee
MAC	Medical Advisory Committee
OoR	Office of Research
Funding Agencies and Charities	
BTFC	Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada
CCS	Canadian Cancer Society
CCSRI	Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute
CIHR	Canadian Institutes of Health Research
CREATE	Collaborative Research and Training Experience Program
KBBMA	Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association

NCIC	National Cancer Institute of Canada
NIH	National Institute of Health (US)
NSERC	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
SSHRC	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
S4H	Seeds4Hope grant program, Windsor Cancer Centre Foundation
WCCF	Windsor Cancer Centre Foundation
CMHA	Canadian Mental Health Association
Other Useful A	
CBPR	Community-Based Participatory Research
KTE	Knowledge Transfer and Exchange
CMAJ	Canadian Medical Association Journal
CRA	Clinical Research Associate
EC	Ethics Committee
EDI	Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
ICH GCP	International Conference on Harmonization – Good Clinical Practice
HCW	Healthcare Workers
IIT	Investigator Initiated Trial
KT	Knowledge Translation
LOI	Letter of Intent
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NOI	Notification of Intent
PI	Primary Investigator/Principal Investigator
PIPEDA	Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act
RA	Research Assistant
RC	Research Coordinator
REB	Research Ethics Board
SRB	Scientific Review Board
TCPS2	Tri-Council Policy Statement 2
WEC	Windsor-Essex County
Project Specifi	c Acronyms (have each team member add important acronyms below)

Other useful acronym resources:

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- Patient Safety Institute
- Ontario Public Health Association
- Sunnybrook: Acronyms in Research Ethics
- National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
- Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health

We are always here to help - contact us: wesparkhealth@uwindsor.ca