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Letter of Support from CCCS for Ms. Marie-Maxime Bergeron, Ms. Laurie Proulx, and Dr. Manoj Lal

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RE: Patient Partners' Research in Sepsis (PPRS): Small Research Grant Competition

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As president of the Canadian Critical Care Society (CCCS), I am pleased to provide you with this letter of support for your application **Strategic Engagement of Patients in Sepsis preclinical Studies (SEPSIS): A Mixed Methods Approach to Answering Patient-Identified Questions**. *Additionally, I will commit to being a knowledge user for the aforementioned project, on behalf of the CCCS.*

The CCCS is the national organization that represents critical care physicians of both adult and pediatric specialties in Canada. The field of critical care medicine in Canada is multidisciplinary, and CCCS members are certified in base specialties such as anesthesiology, medicine, pediatrics, emergency medicine, surgery, and surgical subspecialties like cardiac surgery and neurosurgery. The CCCS provides a forum for members to share knowledge and expertise, and to advocate for the needs of critically ill patients. It also works to promote the development of critical care medicine as a specialty in Canada.

Our organization would be very interested in the proposed project to conduct a systematic review of preclinical studies on a question related to sepsis and identified by patients. These results will be helpful in keeping our network of critical care physicians, many of whom care for patients with sepsis, up to date on emerging preclinical evidence.

We are also especially keen that the project will involve a collaboration between patient partners and researchers. As mentioned, we strongly believe in advocating for the needs of our patients and would be interested in learning about the research topic selected by patient partners. We are therefore pleased to act as a knowledge user.



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To assist your team in conducting the systematic review, the CCCS will provide input on the information and variables to be extracted for data charting and provide a clinical perspective (e.g., insight on clinical relevance) as you develop your study protocol. We would also welcome the opportunity to participate in manuscript preparation and co-development of resources with our network, to help to raise awareness of your findings.

The CCCS is dedicated to promoting research, education and patient care in Critical Care Medicine and we believe that transitions to critical care are research and education priorities. We believe that advocacy is an important role for the Society, and we speak *vigorously* for Critical Care in Canada. We have an active web and social media presence. Our official journal is the Canadian Anesthesia Journal. Ultimately, we will also incorporate key principles into various national education initiatives, including training objectives for the Royal College, continuing medical education activities, and review courses for our trainees. We will work with the research team to develop resources as their research program evolves by inviting their input and feedback.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

With Kind Regards,

Karen E. A. Burns
President, CCCS