

The Learning Institute

What is the Learning Institute?

The BioCanRx-Cancer Stakeholder Alliance Learning Institute **brings together** leaders from oncology patient communities (**patient scholars**) and BioCanRx Trainees (**academic scholars**) from the immunotherapy research community to engage in **interactive, collaborative, and bidirectional knowledge exchange** activities at the annual Summit for Cancer Immunotherapy. The overall aim of the Learning Institute is to ensure that novel cancer immunotherapy research is **accessible** to the cancer patient community.

Goals

- Create a model of learning that encourages, supports and creates the integration of patient leaders into the scientific conference,
- Integrate the patient/caregiver perspective to ensure cancer research is well informed by the patient voice and lived experience,
- Ensure that cancer immunotherapy research is accessible so that patients can be advocates to their community, and
- Bridge the knowledge gap between patients and researchers through bi-directional learning

The **Four** Main Components of the Learning Institute:

PRE-SUMMIT TRAINING



Familiarization of basic cancer biology and immunotherapy concepts in advance of the Summit for Cancer Immunotherapy.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SYSTEM



Buddy groups get together and discuss the research they have heard. After discussion, buddy groups present to the group and explain the key take-aways of the research.

BUDDY SYSTEM



The buddy system consists of pairing a technical expert (academic scholar) with people with lived cancer experience (patient scholars) for information sharing of their expertise with each other.

DISSEMINATION REPORT



Co-authorship of a community dissemination report outlining key take-aways from the Summit. This report is available to the general public and is written in lay language to make it accessible.

Interested in Participating?

For more information please visit the BioCanRx website at <https://biocanrx.com> or email us at info@biocanrx.com