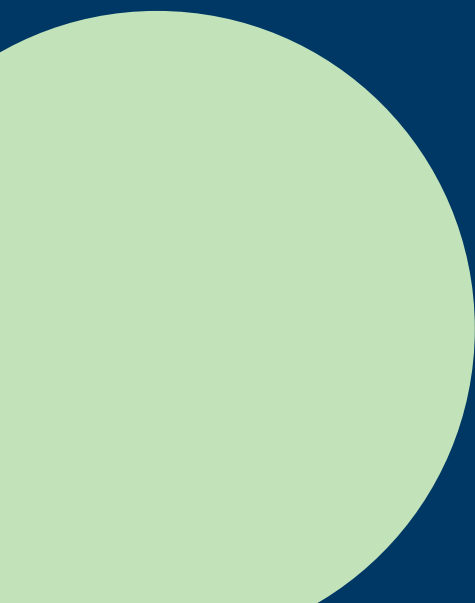


# Patient Involvement

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## Patients on the Conference Advisory Committee



**Gabriel Kramp**

Congenital Heart  
Disease Patient



**Eva Villalba**

Executive Director,  
Quebec Cancer Coalition



**Ella Balasa**

Patient Advocacy and  
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**Ian Patton. Ph.D.**

Director of Advocacy & Public  
Engagement, Obesity Canada

## Patient Experts and Advocates

**Lara Bloom**

President and CEO,  
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**Avril Daly**

President, EURODIS

**Hayley Chapman**

Senior Programme Director,  
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CEO and Founder, Heart Health  
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**Karen Padilla**

Heart Valve Disease Patient Council &  
Women and Heart Working Group Lead,  
Global Heart Hub, Ireland

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Director of Partnerships and  
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**Hoangmai (Mai) Pham**

President and CEO, Institute  
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**Carmel Geoghegan**

Founder, Dementia Ireland

**Jennifer Goldsack**

CEO, Digital Medical Society  
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**Gabriel Kramp**

Congenital Heart Disease Patient

**Alvina Nadeem**

Consultant & Coach, Board Member,  
Ovarian Cancer Canada (OCC), Board  
Member, Quebec Cancer Coalition (QCC),  
Co-President, Committee of Persons  
Impacted by Cancer, Quebec Cancer  
Coalition (QCC)

**Lydia Makaroff**

CEO Multiple Sclerosis International  
Federation (MSIF)

**Robert Hejzak**

Board Chairman NAPO

**Solène Jouan**

Policy Officer European Patients Forum

**Alain Cornet**

Organisation Coach Lupus Europe

**Kevin Wake**

Board Member, ICHOM; President Uriel E.  
Owens Sickle Cell Disease Association of  
the Midwest, a CBO in Kansas City, KS

## Sessions at ICHOM 2025

- Patient Opening Keynote  
Day 1 and Day 2
- Patient/lived experience  
representation in  
case study and panel  
discussions
- Patient designed and  
chaired Stream Sessions

Additional features:

- **Patient Pre-Conference  
Workshop** - "Elevating  
Patient Leadership in Value-  
Based Healthcare"
- **Inside The Consultation  
Room** - Simulation Lab  
session
- **Patient Scholarship  
Initiative**
- **Patient Library** - dedicated  
space for patient experts to  
convene together and share  
their expertise with other  
stakeholders

600+

Attendees

12+

Networking  
Hours

100+

Speakers

45+

Countries

From Vision to Action:

## Real Results, Real Change for Patients

- > 20 hours of interactive content, focused on case examples and actionable recommendations
- Post-meeting site visits for practical learning
- Pre-conference education content for new attendees
- > 100 Abstract posters and presentations
- Extensive networking with global patient, researcher, clinical, payer and government leaders

## Patient Scholarship 2025

### Goal

Expand Patient participation and engagement with ICHOM through scholarship support to facilitate travel and registration for the ICHOM Conference.

“

On behalf of myself and other patients, I am grateful to ICHOM and especially the scholarship funders to make my participation possible, without which, I would not have been able to attend. The ICHOM scholarship fund paid for the conference fee and assisted with expenses related to the base airfare and hotel costs. Throughout the conference, I was able to lean in and leverage the views from my patient advocacy network partners to bring their voices to a diverse group of stakeholders. I encourage patient advocates who want to make a real difference to apply for a scholarship, and those considering a funding contribution, to know that this is a great way to deliver lasting change to healthcare by removing a meaningful barrier to bringing the voice of the patient to the forefront.”



**John Stott**

Patient Scholarship Recipient 2024

### Patient Scholarship 2024

**\$40k**

Funds Raised

**32**

Scholarships Granted

**5%**

Patient Attendees



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