

# N2 Profile

The Network of Networks (N2) is an alliance of Canadian research networks and organizations working to enhance national clinical research capability and capacity.

Bringing together clinical research professionals from across the country, N2 provides a common platform for sharing best practices, resources and research-related content to ensure efficient and high-quality research, integrity of clinical practices and accountability. N2's programs and services are designed to enhance clinical trial capabilities across Canada and provide these programs and services in the context of the overall Canadian clinical research infrastructure. It has been said that the strength of its product offerings is the result of the diversity of its membership and expertise of individuals participating from these organizations.

The organization is truly representative of clinical research in Canada and acts as a national voice advocating on behalf of a broad range of stakeholders that have an impact on the efficiency and quality of clinical trials conducted in Canada. Today, over 50 organizations representing over 3000 clinical research professionals, from over 200 sites and across numerous therapeutic disciplines have joined N2's initiative.

**Members include organizations as varied as research networks, universities, hospitals, government entities and industry.**

The breadth of N2's member organizations and the depth of their collective experience have enabled N2 to become an important voice in the national clinical research debate.

*N2 is a not-for-profit corporation.*

THE MISSION FOR N2 IS:

**To enable and enhance clinical research capability and capacity in Canada**



CANADA'S ALLIANCE FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

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[www.n2canada.ca](http://www.n2canada.ca)

THE VISION FOR N2 IS:

**To be recognized as Canada's alliance for excellence in clinical research.**



**"It is about collaborating to build research capacity; making both Alberta and Canada more attractive for clinical research."**

– Dr. Rachel Syme and Dr. Tammy Mah-Fraser  
*Alberta Health Services, Alberta Innovates Health Solutions and Alberta Clinical Research Consortium*

**"...N2 partnership definitely gives Canada an edge and helps us, the pharmaceutical industry, to continue to attract and leverage the implementation of clinical trials in Canada; ensuring a high level of quality and compliance."**

– Sally Hossain and Stephan Fullum  
*Pfizer Canada*

**"Our membership has allowed us to learn from successes in other provinces and implement new ideas..."**

– Dr. Caroline Rousseau  
*Quebec Clinical Research Organization in Cancer (QCROC)*

**"By leveraging the expertise and capability of the full membership, N2 can build high-quality solutions."**

– Linda Bennett  
*The Canadian Rheumatology Research Consortium (CRRCC)*

**"It is well worth attending the two-day Annual General Meetings and with each successive AGM, you can see and hear how N2 is growing by leaps and bounds..."**

– Wendy Hollinshead  
*McMaster University*

**"The financial benefits of having UBC affiliated researchers access online training opportunities through our N2 membership are immense."**

– Jeffrey Toward  
*University British Columbia*

## Membership Benefits

Currently N2 membership includes networks, institutions, universities, government and private sector organizations that represent more than 200 clinical research sites across multiple therapeutic areas; Having one organization acting on behalf of all these groups and striving for operational and fiscal efficiencies will provide benefits that will ultimately reach Canadians. It also allows N2 to leverage the national alliance, bridging and coordinating regional and provincial initiatives.

N2 is a membership organization. Membership in N2 will provide access to networking opportunities with colleagues, and sharing of best practices tools such as an on-line education program, information on contract and budget negotiations, a continuous quality

improvement committee, a committee focused on clinical trial recruitment, web links, a set of national and compliant Standard Operating Procedures, applicable across therapeutic areas and reviewed annually, with associated materials to roll the SOPs out, a mentorship program and attendance at an annual meeting.

Access to materials through N2 is more economical than purchasing them individually. Additional tools will become available in the future.

By equipping clinical research professionals with the necessary tools and programs, N2 enables them to conduct high quality research with integrity, efficiency and continuous quality improvement.

### Membership will give you access to...

**Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), with associated tools.** The SOPs are compliant with the ICH GCP guide-lines, Health Canada, FDA regulations, and the Tri-council Policy Statement and are reviewed bi-annually. In addition, N2 provides materials and an SOP quiz to assist you in rolling out the SOPs across your organization.

**CITI-Canada, an online research education program.** This extensive online education program includes associated quiz topics such as GCP, Responsible Conduct of Research, Basic Biomedical Ethics, Transportation of Dangerous Goods, and Biomedical Safety. Health Canada Division 5 Training, Refresher courses, a Privacy course, and a Cultural Competence course will all be available Fall 2013.