

## CSPA Global Collaborator

The CSPA is a non-profit organization for all Canadians touched by skin, hair nail conditions, skin patient groups and organizations, physicians and researchers focused on finding appropriate treatments for skin conditions, diseases and traumas. The organization is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of skin patients and representatives of Affiliate Members. The CSPA liaises with the Canadian Dermatology Association, has a Medical Advisory Board made up of leading dermatologists and has strong relationships with industry stakeholders.

The CSPA has a mandate to promote education, awareness and direct patients to support in Canada. Advocating for the needs of all Canadian skin patients, the CSPA is committed to improving skin disease management across the country.

But we know we can't do this alone and recognize that disease-specific groups are often better equipped to achieve this goal. In Canada, the CSPA & its Canadian partnering patient groups (called affiliates) strive to work together to provide education & support to particular skin patient population. We believe that there is strength in numbers.

### CSPA Global Collaborator for patient groups outside of Canada

In some cases, patient organisations outside of Canada may wish to connect with the CSPA and our patients.

These disease-specific organizations who wish to become a CSPA Global Collaborator must meet some basic criteria. The CSPA welcomes the involvement of any patient or any non-profit organization whose goals align with ours - to improve the quality of life for Canadians with skin conditions, diseases or traumas. As well, if possible, the CSPA hopes that the Global Collaborator can nurture any partnerships with any Canadian counterparts.

### Application

If your group would like to join the CSPA as a Global Collaborator, please read the requirements section below, then fill in the fields and submit the form.

### Requirements

A **CSPA Global Collaborator** is an incorporated not-for-profit organization or registered charity that exists to help people deal with a skin, hair or nail condition(s), disease(s) or trauma(s) by providing support, education, information, and/or undertaking or supporting fundraising, research and/or advocacy on their behalf that has been accepted by the Board of the CSPA upon recommendation by the CSPA Affiliates Committee for membership.

**As a matter of policy, which is designed to maintain the CSPA's good standing in the community, the CSPA invites only organizations who share its vision and its approach to carrying on its affairs. Of particular importance to the CSPA and its stakeholders are the following. The organisation is:**

- Established, in good-standing and abiding accordingly to the laws & regulations of their country.
- Willing to acknowledge or collaborate with or support the establishment (directly or indirectly) of the Canadian disease specific patient organisation.
- Working on patient-focused programs and initiatives.
- Transparent & is fiscally responsible.
- Unbiased neutrality with respect to recommendations for treatments for diseases (Ex: no direct advertising for sponsors' products or any products not authorized for marketing in Canada).
- Monitored by a functioning governance model with structured clinical advice from a relevant health-care professional or team.

## **Guidelines**

- Global Collaborator subscriptions are free of charge.
- Unless approved by the Executive committee, no financial support will be provided to Global Collaborators.
- The CSPA can provide documentation/communications in French or English. Any further required translation costs are the responsibility of the Global Collaborator.
- An endorsement letter by a "sponsor" from the country of origin may be requested at any time.
- Global Collaborators must request permission in advance to use the Canadian Skin Patient Alliance name or logo on any material.
- Global Collaborators do not have any voting rights on the CSPA board of directors but may volunteer on a CSPA Committee.
- The failure to maintain in good standing or to give true and complete details or any type of misconduct may result in being expelled as a Global Collaborator.