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## **Permission to Contact Toolkit Available!**

N2 is happy to announce the launch of the Permission to Contact (PTC) toolkit.

PTC is a patient enrollment strategy that facilitates patient engagement in research by inviting all patients to be participants in research. The Permission to Contact (PTC) Platform overcomes the obstacles of consenting and patient enrollment by asking patients 'do you give permission to be contacted for future research opportunities?' as part of the routine health clinic practice. The Platform streamlines recruitment of participants enabling completion of research studies, especially for studies requiring a large number of participants.

The PTC Tool Kit was developed in partnership with the Office of Biobank Education and Research (OBER) in British Columbia to enable organizations across Canada to efficiently implement the PTC Platform, and to begin setting a national standard for the key

elements of PTC. This tool kit has been developed to provide practical "how to" information and resources for individuals interested in setting up a PTC program within their organization. The in-depth downloadable PDF document contains information on budget considerations, stakeholder engagement, data management, and a strategy checklist.

The Tool Kit table of contents can be viewed [here](#) and the full Tool Kit is available for members of the [Biobank Resource Centre \(BRC\)](#) or N2.

If you are a member of N2, log in to N2 to access the toolkit. If you are interested to find out more about PTC you may contact **N2** at [n2@n2canada.ca](mailto:n2@n2canada.ca) or [BRC](#)

*Note for University of Saskatchewan members: The U of S is a member of N2. For instructions on how to log into the N2 website and access the toolkit contact Scott Corley ([scott.corley@usask.ca](mailto:scott.corley@usask.ca)).*

The Biobank Resource Centre offers consulting services for implementing the PTC Platform. Services provided include:

- Project management for implementation of the Platform
- Staff engagement and training
- Creation of standard operating procedures and forms
- Assistance with ethics application

For more information about PTC consulting services, please contact [BRC](#).

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