

# POPLAR

PRIMARY CARE ONTARIO PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING AND RESEARCH NETWORK

STRENGTHEN FAMILY MEDICINE

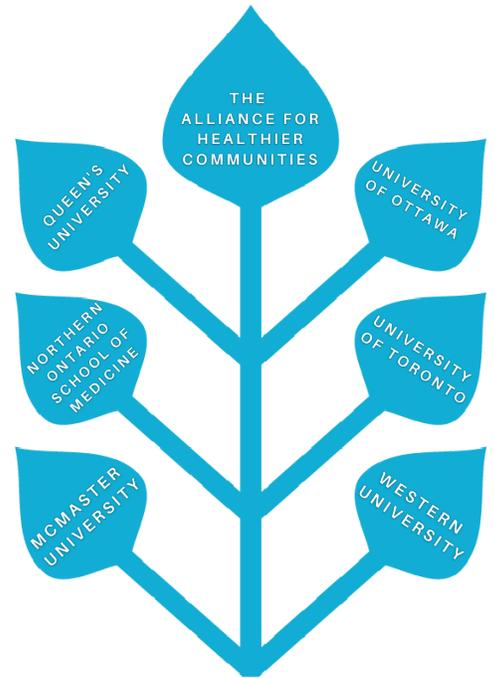
CONTRIBUTE YOUR EMR DATA

## WHAT IS POPLAR?

POPLAR is an initiative of Ontario's six University Departments/ Sections of Family Medicine and the Alliance for Healthier Communities (Ontario's CHCs).

POPLAR securely collects and de-identifies electronic medical record (EMR) data to:

- support practices in delivering optimal care across Ontario and
- strengthen practice-based clinical research and quality improvement processes



1,000

FAMILY PHYSICIANS CONTRIBUTING EMR DATA

7

ONTARIO PRIMARY CARE LEARNING NETWORKS

1.8

MILLION PATIENTS

## WHY JOIN POPLAR?



### Patient population benefits

Your practice data will ensure that your patient population are represented

### Earn MainPro credits

Reviewing and reflecting on your practice reports can count towards earning MainPro credits

### Innovative network collaboration

Benefit from being part of a network that can rapidly respond to the unforeseen

### Quality Improvement benefits

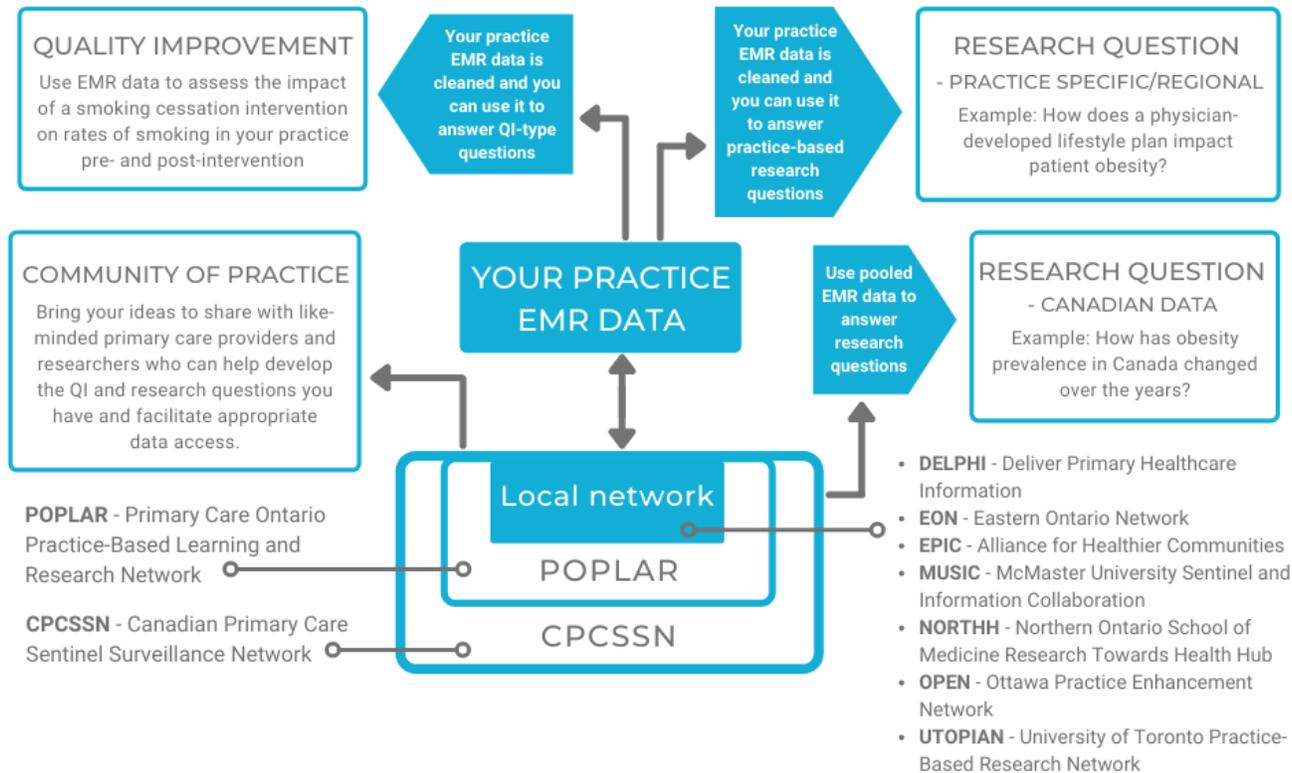
Receive reports about quality indicators important to you

### Joining the network is easy

After registering with us, data automatically flows to POPLAR's networks

Register at: [www.poplarnetwork.ca](http://www.poplarnetwork.ca)  
[info@poplarnetwork.ca](mailto:info@poplarnetwork.ca)





## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

### Who can join?

Physicians and Nurse Practitioners using an EMR (Practice Solutions, OSCAR or Accuro) who are willing to contribute their data can participate.

### Do I get anything back?

We send you **reports** on your own care, compared to other physicians. You can get **Mainpro+** credits for reviewing the reports. You make a major contribution to family medicine and primary care for today and for tomorrow.

### What about privacy?

We have very strong privacy protection: our processes have undergone several security assessments and the data are de-identified. The POPLAR database has been reviewed and approved by hospital and university Research Ethics Boards. The data are de-identified prior to use for research (no names, emails, phone numbers, etc.) and will only be used for approved purposes and projects.

### What do I have to do to join?

Joining is simple:

1. **Send an email to [info@poplarnetwork.ca](mailto:info@poplarnetwork.ca) and include your name and practice location.**
2. Your local network will get in touch with some paperwork for you to complete, including a consent form and brief survey.
3. Complete and return the consent form and survey.
4. **Put posters where they are visible to patients.**

Once this is done, your local Data Manager will arrange to collect information from the EMR into a highly secure server for analysis. The data are de-identified (no names, no emails, no phone numbers etc.) and will only be used for approved purposes and projects. Please see [The University of Toronto Family Medicine Report](#) and [UTOPIAN Data Safe Haven](#) for more information about how the data is used.