



# PASSERELLE

National hub in  
capacity development for  
patient-oriented research

Pôle national de développement  
des capacités en recherche  
axée sur le patient

## **PASSERELLE Welcomes Robert Van Hoorn as Operations Manager**

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**Quebec, December 18, 2024** – PASSERELLE, the National Training Entity for the Patient-Oriented Research (POR) Strategy, is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Van Hoorn as Operations Manager. Robert joined the team last November and brings extensive experience in program coordination and project management to this vital role.

Robert’s professional journey is marked by a series of impactful roles, including Program Coordinator for the Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit’s Working Group on Training and Capacity Development, Project Coordinator for TUTOR-PHC, Program Manager for the Patient-Oriented Research Training and Learning – Primary Health Care (PORTL-PHC) training program, and most recently, Project Manager for the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada’s Response to Opioid Crisis project. His dedication to advancing health research and building meaningful connections across organizations positions him as a valuable asset to PASSERELLE’s mission.

Since his arrival, Robert has embraced his role with enthusiasm, quickly becoming an integral part of the team. His leadership and expertise will be instrumental in enhancing PASSERELLE’s capacity-building initiatives and knowledge mobilization efforts, and fostering stronger collaboration across Canada’s health research ecosystem.

### **Quotes**

“I’m thrilled to join PASSERELLE’s dynamic team and to contribute to the important work being done here. It’s exciting to be part of a group that’s small in size but big in impact, and I’m eager to use my experience to help drive meaningful collaborations and innovative solutions.”

**Robert Van Hoorn** | Operations Manager, PASSERELLE

“Robert has seamlessly stepped into his role, bringing energy, expertise, and a collaborative spirit that has already made a positive difference. His ability to take on challenges with confidence has strengthened our team, and we are delighted to have him on board as we continue to grow and evolve.”

**Dr. Annie LeBlanc** | Nominated Principal Investigator / Scientific Director, PASSERELLE



## About PASSERELLE

PASSERELLE is a pan-Canadian hub that develops and strengthens research capacity with and for patients, providing the necessary resources to conduct innovative research projects that enhance the healthcare experience.

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