

PMDE Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is post-market drug evaluation?

Post-market drug evaluation (PMDE) focuses on drugs that have proceeded through the approval process and are broadly available to patients and consumers. PMDE integrates health data and real-world evidence to inform decisions on drug safety, effectiveness, and other key regulatory aspects.

Q: What are the goals of the program?

The primary goal of the PMDE Program is to establish a network of applied researchers, analysts, and methodologists to answer queries related to post-market drug safety and effectiveness by bringing timely evidence into the hands of decision-makers through:

- establishing an efficient, responsive, customer-focused evidence network
- facilitating communication between researchers, stakeholders, and decision-makers
- enhancing the use of post-market evidence to inform decision-making.

Q: When does the program launch?

The PMDE Program at CADTH is scheduled to launch in September 2022.

Q: Where will we operate?

The CADTH PMDE will be managed out of CADTH's Ottawa and Toronto offices. The network will be pan-Canadian and serve decision-makers positioned across Canada.

Q: Who are our customers?

The PMDE Program will provide timely and reliable evidence to Canadian decision-makers including:

- federal government agencies (including Health Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada, and Patented Medicine Prices Review Board)
- provincial and territorial decision-makers
- CADTH and other health technology assessment bodies.

Q: How does the query process work?

The PMDE Program will centre on a customer-focused, query-based system in which decision-maker queries are submitted to the PMDE Operations Centre for feasibility assessment and are scoped, refined, and triaged. There will be input from a Scientific Advisory Panel then assigned research teams will generate and analyze evidence which is delivered to decision-makers. For more information, please refer to the [PMDE Program Overview](#).

Q: Who is part of the network?

We are currently recruiting! The network will feature a combination of core research teams and contractors. Under centralized oversight from the PMDE team, the network will operate with engagement from customers, decision-makers, stakeholders, experts, and patient groups.

Q: What does CADTH do?

CADTH is an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for providing Canada's health care decision-makers with objective evidence to help make informed decisions about the optimal use of drugs and medical devices in our health care system.

Q: How can I (and my team) participate in the PMDE network?

Core teams and contractors will be identified through a request for proposal (RFP) process starting in February 2022. For more information on the RFP, please visit our website to access the relevant PMDE [RFP](#) package specifically designed for grants and contracts. Alternatively, please contact InfoPMDE@cadth.ca.

Q: What kind of work are we doing?

The PMDE Program will enhance the pan-Canadian post-market response capability using rigorous, innovative methods for integrated health technology management. For a detailed overview please see the [PMDE Program Overview](#).

Q: How is the network funded?

To ensure a responsive and dynamic network, our funding model will combine a strategic balance of grants and contracts for network partners administered to core partners and contractors through an RFP process.

Q: How do we engage patients?

The PMDE Program is dedicated to including the patient voice in its work and will seek opportunities for patient input and engagement when responding to queries. The Scientific Advisory Panel supporting the query process will also include patient representation.

Q: Where do we find the evidence?

The PMDE Program will serve as a coordinating hub identifying data needs for customer queries and facilitating data access or generation to fulfill these needs. We will also leverage CADTH's existing capacities and explore collaborative partnerships with other evidence networks operating in Canada and internationally.

Q: How do I stay informed about the PMDE Program?

Sign up for our mailing list to receive PMDE Program newsletters, project updates, and more. For more information, contact the PMDE team at InfoPMDE@cadth.ca.