Checklist: Developing Your Patient-Oriented Proposal

This tool guides you through the steps and select resources available to get your proposal started.

- **Develop your research question.**
  - The Grant Assist Program-Health Sciences (GAP-HS) offers Concept Discussions to help formulate ideas prior to grant writing.
  - The AbSPORU Consultation and Research Services Platform can support building and fine-tuning the research question.

- **Build your research team.**
  - Contact the Director of Clinical Research (Office of Research) and/or your home research institute (e.g., ADI, CRINA, WCHRI) to help connect with researchers you might not know in your field.
  - Consider incorporating researchers from other disciplines, faculties and institutions.
  - The inclusion of patient partners on your research team is encouraged (see stakeholder engagement section).

- **Incorporate stakeholder engagement.**
  - Consider including members from Alberta Health Services Strategic Clinical Networks (SCNs) to strengthen your stakeholder engagement and knowledge translation plan.
  - Consider including patient partners in your research team. Contact the AbSPORU Patient Engagement Platform.
  - The AbSPORU Knowledge Translation (KT)* and Patient Engagement (PE) platforms can support with stakeholder engagement.

- **Develop methodology.**
  - A variety of supports are available for methodological support, such as the AbSPORU Methods Support & Development Platform.
  - For qualitative research, consider consulting with the International Institute for Qualitative Methods (IIQM) for resources and training opportunities.
  - For quantitative research, consider the analyses of secondary use data to support your research proposal. Consult with the ABSPORU Data Platform.

- **Leverage grant peer review.**
  - Contact the GAP-HS to access internal peer review services. Register for peer review ~3 months prior to the application deadline.

- **Employ editing support.**
  - Proposal editing services are available through the GAP-HS, and financial support of editing costs are available from the NACTRC Grant Development Support Fund.

**Additional Resources**
- University Institutes
- FoMD Resources for Clinical Researchers
- NACTRC Research Services
- AB Clinical Research Roadmap
- Research Facilitators at RSO (Research Services Office)

*A knowledge translation plan is an essential component to any research proposal. Refer to the CIHR Guide to KT Planning.*