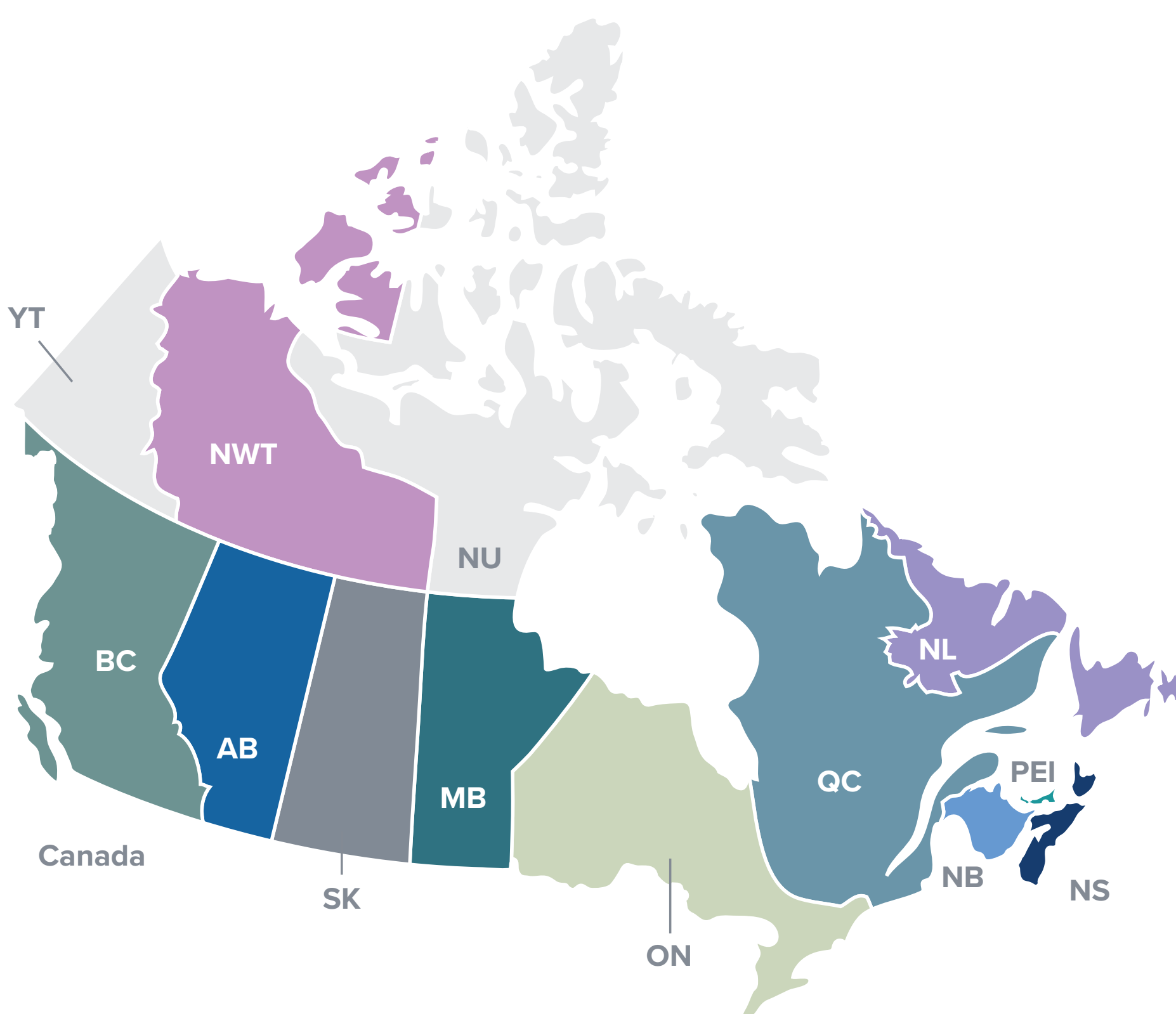


Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (PIHCI) Network

The Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (PIHCI) Network is a pan-Canadian network of 11 provincial/territorial networks that was launched in 2014. The aim of the Network is to create an alliance between research, policy and practice to support patient-oriented research in primary and integrated care. At least 93 projects have been supported as part of the PIHCI Network since its launch.



- BC** - British Columbia Primary Health Care Research Network (BC-PHCRN)
- NWT** - Northwest Territories SPOR Network (NWTSPOR Network)
- AB** - Alberta SPOR Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovation Network (AB SPOR PIHCIN)
- SK** - Saskatchewan SPOR Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovation Network (PIHCIN-SK)
- MB** - Manitoba Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovation Network (MPN)
- ON** - Better Access and Care for Complex Needs Network (BeACCoN)
- QC** - Réseau de connaissances sur les soins primaires (Réseau-1 Québec)
- NB** - Centre for Research in Integrated Care (CRIC)
- NS** - Building Research for Integrated Primary Health Care (BRIC NS)
- PEI** - Prince Edward Island Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovation Network (PEI PIHCI Network)
- NL** - Newfoundland and Labrador Primary Health Care Research and Integration to Improve Health System Efficiency (PRIIME)

Network Governance

The PIHCI Network and each provincial/territorial network is governed by tripartite leads (researchers, policymakers and healthcare providers), with patients having a meaningful voice on local and national steering committees and research projects (e.g. on the pan-Canadian Patient Advisory Council).

Partner Group	Total #	Partner Group	Total #
Researchers/academics	187	Clinicians/healthcare providers	77
Patients/caregivers	93	Health System/care managers	61
Health care/professional organizations	84	Federal/provincial representatives	57

Table 1: Partner involvement in Network governance

Research Engagement

A total of 1,475 partners have been engaged in all stages of PIHCI Network research projects, from conception to knowledge translation, including:

- 578** Clinicians/healthcare providers
- 155** Patients/caregivers
- 79** Federal/provincial representatives

Knowledge Mobilization

A total of 969 KT products or events have been produced including:


- 50** Reports
- 255** Conference presentations
- 35** KT-related workshops/webinars
- 37** KT tools (including educational materials)
- 174** Peer reviewed publications



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Capacity Building

A diversity of partners have taken part in capacity building activities organized by the PIHCI Network and provincial/territorial networks, including:

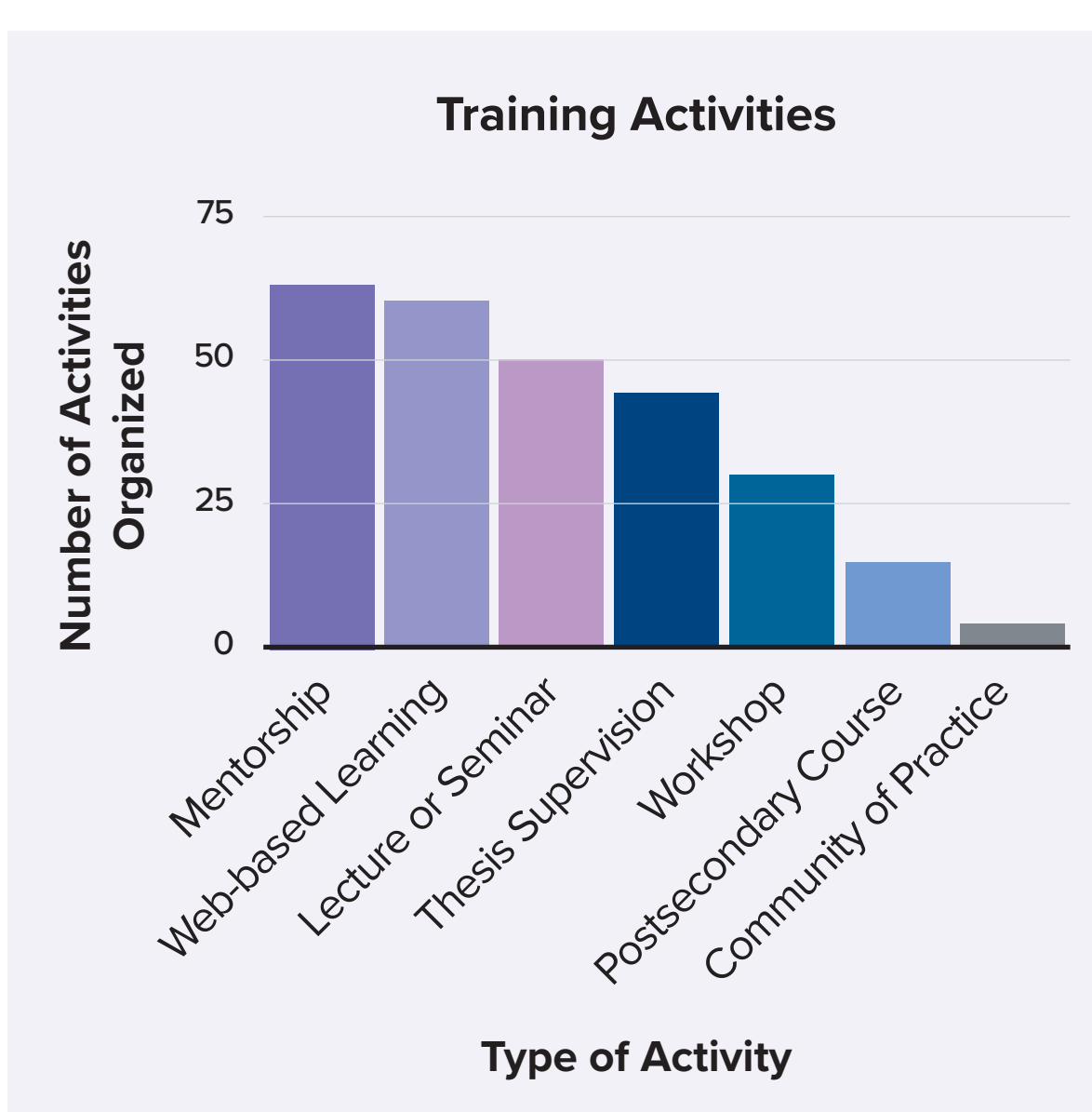
 **654** Clinicians/healthcare providers

 **456** Researchers/academics

 **260** Students and postdoctoral trainees

 **234** Policymakers

 **233** Patients/caregivers



Impact on Policy and Practice



PIHCI Network projects have had widespread impact. Through the mapping and sharing of resources and the fostering of relationships, there has been an increase in the dissemination and uptake of policy and practice innovations across the country.



A PIHCI Network research team organized cross-jurisdictional, evidence-informed deliberations on centralized waiting lists for patients without a primary care provider resulting in significant policy changes in three provinces (QC, BC and NS).



The PIHCI Network also represents Canada in an international initiative (the Patient-Reported Indicator Surveys (PaRIS) project) to develop, standardize and implement new indicators to measure health outcomes.

Partners involved in the implementation of research findings



407 Clinicians/healthcare providers



20 Health care/professional organizations



52 Patients/caregivers



113 Health system/care managers



12 Federal/provincial representatives

Funding and Future Directions

Significant additional research funding has been leveraged thanks to the support provided by provincial/territorial PIHCI networks to teams across the country.

150 research grant applications were supported by the networks, 77 of which built on previous PIHCI Network research



At least 93 of the 150 applications were successful, resulting in **\$29.2 M** in additional funding leveraged

After eight years facilitating cross-jurisdictional patient-oriented research, the PIHCI Network is poised to continue strengthening Canada's primary health care system, through well established relationships across the provinces and territories. In July 2022, the PIHCI Network will adopt a new name: the SPOR Primary Care Research Network (SPOR PCRN).

