Step 2: Care Partner Enrolment
To facilitate enrolment, the PPI coordinator at McMaster University obtains informed consent, and collects demographic information, survey and interview data, from all CPAG members directly, to learn about their experiences, and to evaluate PPI processes.

Informed Consent
Care partners from Canada and partnering EU countries provide informed consent to participate in the CPAG (using RedCAP). The PPI coordinator at McMaster obtains informed consent (refer to Participant Information and Consent Form for Care Partner Advisory Group, below) from all care partners before they attend their first CPAG meeting. REDCap is used to obtain digital written consent from participants following the consent discussion with the PPI coordinator at McMaster.

To ensure continued consent throughout the study, members of the CPAG are reminded of their right to withdraw from the study, without penalty, before participating in CPAG activities (e.g., attending meetings or participating in interviews), as well as their right to refuse to answer any question during a meeting, or CPAG activity and still remain in the study.

Demographic Questionnaire
After providing informed consent to participate in the study as a Care Partner Advisory Group member, Care Partner members complete a brief demographic survey with the PPI coordinator.

Intake Interview
After providing informed consent, care partners also undergo a brief (15-30 min.) audio-recorded intake interview with the PPI coordinator at McMaster to learn more about their experience in caring for a person with dementia, their motivation for joining the group, and any previous experience with research. The interview also serves to identify and address any needs or concerns prior to participating in CPAG meetings.

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