

Election Statement

Kyle Kemp, PhD

Please describe your motivation for becoming involved with ISOQOL. How does ISOQOL's mission and vision relate to your work?

My motivation to deepen my involvement with ISOQOL stems from a longstanding commitment to improving the quality of healthcare through rigorous, patient-centered research. Throughout my career, I have focused on understanding and enhancing patient experiences, developing and validating patient-reported measures, and ensuring that the voices of patients directly inform health system improvements. ISOQOL's mission; to advance the science of quality of life and patient-centered outcomes research, perfectly mirrors my professional ethos and aspirations.

Since my early career, I have recognized that health care quality is more than clinical outcomes; it is deeply rooted in how patients experience their care. My doctoral research developed a patient experience survey specific to cardiac surgery, highlighting the importance of context-specific, co-designed measurement tools. In my subsequent leadership roles - whether directing public health surveillance at Alberta Health Services, leading health system analytics at the Health Quality Council of Alberta, or shaping methods and reporting at Accreditation Canada; my work has consistently aimed to measure and improve the lived experiences of patients and communities.

ISOQOL has played a significant role in my professional journey. I have presented my work at multiple ISOQOL conferences, served as a plenary session chair, and more recently, as Co-Chair of the Scientific Committee for the 2023 conference. These experiences have not only strengthened my academic and professional skills but have also fostered a deep appreciation for ISOQOL's commitment to scientific excellence, mentorship, and global collaboration. Being part of ISOQOL has expanded my network, sharpened my thinking, and reinforced my belief that advancing quality of life research requires interdisciplinary, international, and patient-engaged efforts.

ISOQOL's vision for a world where quality of life is integral to health care decision-making directly relates to my work. My research, teaching, mentorship, and leadership activities are all centered on creating systems that recognize and act upon patient and community perspectives. Whether developing novel analytics to link patient experience with clinical outcomes, mentoring graduate students in patient-oriented research, or advising on national quality measurement initiatives, I strive to bridge data and lived experience to drive improvement.

I am motivated to continue contributing to ISOQOL's growth and sustainability. I want to help the Society strengthen its support for early career researchers, foster even greater patient involvement in our work, and enhance our global outreach. I believe that my experiences, values, and leadership skills align closely with ISOQOL's mission and vision, and I am eager to play a greater role in helping the organization achieve its goals.



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Please describe your qualifications and how your experiences will influence your ability to contribute as an ISOQOL Board Member.

With a robust foundation in health services research, epidemiology, and patient experience, I bring over 15 years of expertise to the role of an ISOQOL Board Member. My career spans various impactful roles that highlight my commitment to advancing healthcare quality, safety, and patient-centered approaches.

In my current position as Director of Methods, Analytics, and Reporting at Health Standards Organization/Accreditation Canada, I oversee data strategies that enhance healthcare accreditation standards, collaborate internationally, and ensure our decisions align with legislative and ethical frameworks. This experience not only underscores my ability to manage complex organizational structures but also highlights my strategic vision for improving healthcare quality globally - a mission central to ISOQOL.

Previously, as Director of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics at Alberta Health Services, I led a diverse team in developing public health surveillance programs and data-driven solutions to inform provincial healthcare policies. Coupled with my mentorship of staff and students, this reflects my ability to lead multidisciplinary teams and foster collaborative growth, mirroring the inclusivity ISOQOL values.

My tenure at Alberta SPOR's Patient Engagement Platform further accentuates my ability to bridge research and patient-centered care. Leading investigations into hospitalized Albertans' experiences, I've co-designed validated surveys, like the Alberta Cardiac Surgery Patient Experiences Survey, demonstrating my dedication to capturing the essence of quality of life and translating findings into actionable improvements.

Educationally, my Ph.D. in Community Health Sciences centered on health services research, aligning perfectly with ISOQOL's mission to advance health-related quality-of-life research. My numerous publications and presentations on patient experiences, healthcare data linkage, and predictive analytics have contributed to both academic and practical advancements.

As an active member of ISOQOL, including roles such as Scientific Committee Co-Chair and Plenary Session Chair, I've contributed to the society's mission by promoting evidence-based practices and fostering global collaboration. My efforts in reviewing conference submissions and engaging in mentorship demonstrate my dedication to professional development and the cultivation of future leaders in this field.

My diverse experiences - from leading research initiatives to implementing analytics strategies - have equipped me to contribute strategically to ISOQOL's objectives. I aim to bring data-driven insights, collaborative leadership, and a patient-centric approach to the board, ensuring continued progress in the science and application of quality-of-life measures.