The MUHC Central Users’ Committee (MUHC CUC) is the committee recognized and funded by the Ministry of Health and Social Services to:

- Inform users of their rights, namely 12 rights entrenched in the Act respecting health services and social services;
- Defend the collective rights and interests of users or, upon request, the rights and interests of an individual user, before the institution or any competent authority;
- Accompany and assist users, upon request, in any actions they undertake, including referring users to an Ombudsman and or assisting with the filing of a complaint with the Ombudsman;
- Ensure that the Camille-Lefebvre Residents’ Committee (CHSLD) functions properly and has the necessary resources to carry out its duties; and:
- Moderate, organize and promote events, activities or projects designed to inform, assist or support users and encourage improvements in the quality and safety of services and of residents’ living conditions.

## COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The MUHC CUC has 10 members:

1 member per site and 2 members whose user experience involves at least three MUHC sites

- Montreal Children’s Hospital (1)
- Royal Victoria Hospital (1)
- Cedars Cancer Centre (1)
- Montreal Chest Institute (1)
- Montreal Neurological Hospital (1)
- Montreal General Hospital (1)
- Lachine Hospital (1)
- Three MUHC sites (2)
- Camille-Lefebvre Residence (1) (CHSLD)

All members are elected, except for the representative of the Camille-Lefebvre Pavilion Resident’s Committee (CHSLD), who is appointed following a separate election.

## CRITERIA TO STAND FOR ELECTION

- The candidate must be a current patient or recent former patient (used MUHC services in the last two years), or a legal representative of a patient or a recognized caregiver of a patient.
- In the case of the Montreal Children’s Hospital, the candidate must be between the age of 13 and 18. A patient under the age of 13 cannot stand for election but may be represented as noted above by a legal representative and/or recognized caregiver.
- The candidate must not be an employee, supplier or service provider of the MUHC and/or of its research institute and/or any of its foundations.
- The candidate must not be under curatorship.
- The candidate cannot have a criminal record.
- The candidate cannot serve simultaneously on a local interest group (known before June 22 as site or mission users’ committees) and should be prepared to step down if elected.
- For the 2022 election, the candidate must not have served on the MUHC CUC in the last three years.

## What to submit to be considered and by what date

Persons wanting to stand for election must send by e-mail the completed candidate application form and a letter of intent explaining why they believe they should be elected by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 11, 2022. The Election President will approve or reject applications based on the above-mentioned criteria in a reasonable timeframe, give or take one week. The Election President’s e-mail address (for application documents, bylaws, submissions and/or questions):

Election President, Me Mathilde Crépeau: mcrepeau@mbavocats.ca

## WHERE TO FIND CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORMS AND COMMITTEE BYLAWS

MUHC Web site: muhc.ca (https://muhc.ca/patientscommittee)

It is also possible to receive documentation by sending an e-mail request to the Election President.

## POSTING OF ELECTION CANDIDATES

The official ballot list with a summary of each candidate’s profile will be posted on September 12.

## ELECTION DAY

The election will be held on Monday, September 26. Voting information will be posted on September 12.