

**Cara Ferreira, Calgary**

Cara Ferreira received her PhD in medicinal chemistry and her MBA in strategic management from the University of British Columbia. She is currently part of the executive team at Fusion Pharmaceuticals where she is pursuing her passion of seeing science positively impact people's lives. Previously, Cara was a leader at McKinsey & Company, where she led strategy consulting for global pharmaceutical and medical device clients. She is recognized as an inclusive leader and an outstanding mentor in both the business and scientific communities.

Born in Calgary, Cara returned to her hometown from the west coast in 2013 excited to be closer to her family. Soon after her return, her father was diagnosed with PD increasing her awareness of the often unseen challenges of living with the disease for the patient and their loved ones.

Cara brings her unique mix of science, business and personal experience to help realize the shared vision of the Parkinson Association of Alberta team.