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Sahr Wali is a second-generation Canadian and a settler on Indigenous land from Afghan ancestry. As a digital health services researcher, she holds a Master's in Science from McMaster University and is currently a PhD Candidate at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto, with a specialization in Health Informatics. She has a diverse background in non-communicable diseases, digital therapeutics, and user-centered design. Through her role at the Centre for eHealth Innovation, she has led various co-design and usability-based studies focused on engaging patients to become the champions of their care. Valuing the strengths associated with community engagement, her dissertation work, funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) Doctoral Award (CGS-D), focuses on working with underserved populations in

Northern Ontario and Uganda to integrate local cultural context within digital tool design. Adhering to the 'Nothing About Us Without Us' tenet, she is committed to highlighting the value of partnership and community to better understand the underlying health disparities impacting populations that are most underserved.