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### **Biography**

Jillianne is currently an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia. Prior to this she completed a Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and holds a PhD in Educational Psychology, and a Masters of Educational Technology. Jillianne's most important role, however, is that of a heart failure survivor and two-time heart transplant recipient. Following her first heart transplant, Jillianne worked hard to advocate for the inclusion of patients as partners in health care research and practice. As such she has served as Co-Chair of the oversight and advisory committee for Patient Voices Network, member of the Steering Committee for Cardiac Services BC, member on the Medical Services Commission of BC, and the first patient group representative on Health Canada's Scientific Advisory Committee on Medical Devices Used in the Cardiovascular System. Jillianne is an active keynote speaker, and in July 2016 Dr. Code co-founded the HeartLife Foundation with Marc Bains, Canada's first – and only – national patient-led heart failure organization. HeartLife was recognized by the Canadian Cardiovascular Society as this years' recipient of the Dr. Harold N. Segall Award of Merit in recognition of a significant contribution to the promotion of cardiovascular health in Canadians.