

ENGAGING PATIENTS IN YOUR RESEARCH: A SNAPSHOT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND CLINICAL RESEARCHERS

DESIGNING A PATIENT ENGAGEMENT PLAN

A detailed plan for patient engagement is becoming a common requirement for scientific funding applications. Below are some guiding questions that can help when designing this plan.

Phase of Research	Guiding Questions for Engagement
Pre-Project Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have patient partners been involved from the start? • How have patient priorities informed the research question or design? • Are diverse patient voices represented?
Proposal Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were patient partners consulted or co-authors in the proposal? • Was patient compensation and support built into the budget?
Research Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are patient partners involved in key decisions as the project progresses? • Are roles, expectations, and timelines clearly communicated?
Analysis & Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will input from patient partners influence how the study results are explained or understood? • Are patient experiences being reflected in how the findings are described?
Knowledge Translation & Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will patient partners help shape how and where findings are shared? • Are plain language summaries being co-created with patients?
Follow-Up & Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have patient partners received updates on how their contributions made an impact? • How is input from patient partners being collected and used? • Are there opportunities for ongoing involvement or future collaboration?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

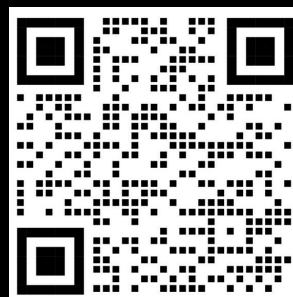


Advancing Research Alongside Patient Partners: Next-Generation Best Practices for Effective Collaboration in Health Research (Ovarian Cancer Canada)



Patient Partner Compensation Guidelines (CIHR)

Patient Engagement in Research Training Program (CIHR)



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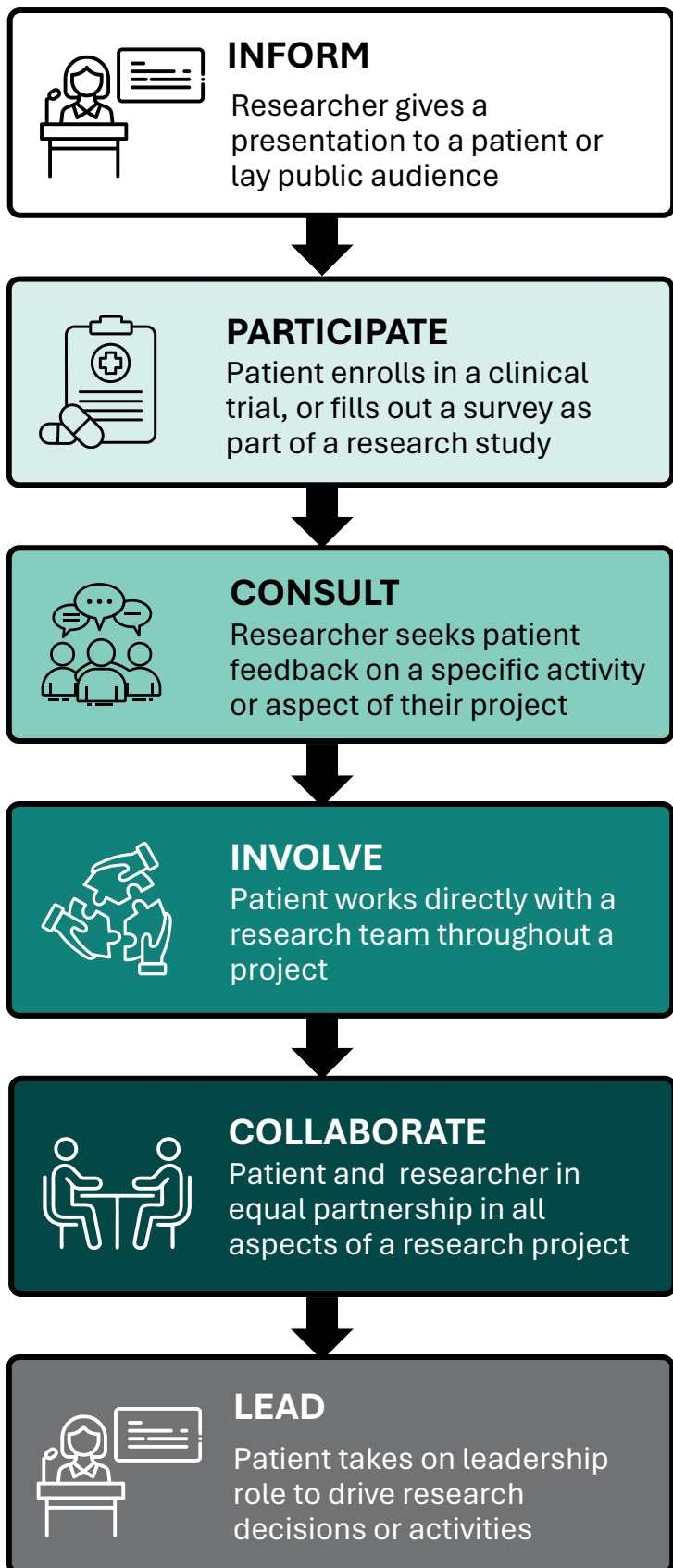
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LEVELS OF PATIENT ENGAGEMENT

The extent of patient engagement increases with each level. The appropriate level will depend on the specific research engagement, and can evolve over time.



PATIENT PARTNERS AS EMBEDDED TEAM MEMBERS

Shown below are examples of collaboration opportunities throughout the lifecycle of a research project.

