

9 WAYS PATIENT PARTNERS CAN GET INVOLVED AT



IDENTIFY & PRIORITIZE

- Through community representation and organizations help inform research priorities
- Be consulted about research topics and priorities important to them
- Collaborate and co-develop with researchers and other key groups topics for research

DESIGN

- Inform the design of the research study
- Clarify the research question and affirm its importance
Ensure the methods selected are appropriate for patients
- Co-develop patient recruitment strategy
- Review and comment on proposed questionnaires and data collection methods.



DEVELOP THE GRANT PROPOSAL

- Help to ensure that the research proposed and chosen methods are ethical
- Inform areas where patients and the public could be involved
- Define outcome measures
- Advise on the appropriateness of the lay summary
- Raise awareness about costs of involvement, expenses and prompt researchers to cost for involvement.
- Become co-applicants



PREPARE FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE STUDY

- Assist with writing patient information and consent forms
- Review ethics and operational approval applications prior to submission
- Aid in designing the detailed protocol
- Produce research updates that are patient friendly



COLLECT DATA

- Draft/revise study materials and protocols
- Assisting with the recruitment of study participants
- Assist with conducting interviews and surveys



ANALYSE AND INTERPRET DATA

- Assist the research team in developing themes from data
- Be consulted to determine if they understand and interpret data the same way as the research team
- Develop more approachable methods to help interpret the data



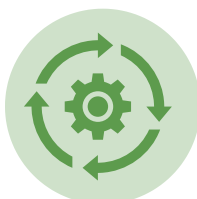
DISSEMINATE

- Advise on different avenues for disseminating the results
- Author/co-author manuscripts, newsletters and other appropriate information outlets
- Jointly present the findings with researchers
- Write information for local patient groups/hospitals, etc.
- Assist in getting results/findings published on charities/voluntary organization websites
- Help distribute results within their informal network
- Produce summaries of findings



IMPLEMENT

- Increase the likelihood that results of research are implemented, by adding validity to the findings
- Develop patient information for new services/interventions within hospitals, clinics, etc.



MONITOR AND EVALUATE

- Have continued involvement with the study to maintain focus and address issues as they arise
- Collaborate with researchers to evaluate the research process
- Reflect on their role and what they have learned

