

# Consultation Preparation Tool

Involving patient partners at the embryonic level of your research project could be useful to obtain direct feedback from people with a unique perspective, through their experiences with the health care system. By preparing certain informations in a clear and precise manner, researchers can ensure that patient partners understand the direction and importance of the project, thus facilitating an effective consultation.

## Context

Explain why this research is necessary by providing an overview of the current context or background information that motivates your research.

## General Objective

State the research question and its various components, including: the population / problem, the interest / intervention, the context of the subject / its comparison group, the outcome studied and the period of time studied

## Literature Review

Outline your literature review, including: the population affected, the consequences of the problem and the settings, environment, policies, or others things that affect it.

## Hypotheses

Mention the hypotheses of your research question

## Project Summary (10-15 minutes)

## Methodology

Provide an overview of the planned research methods and data collection techniques, without going into technical details.

## Relevance

Highlight the importance and implications of this research question for patients, clinical practice or health policy.

## Involvement of patient-partners (30 minutes)

## Questions

Prepare open-ended questions from which you would like to seek opinions, suggestions or comments on the project sections of your choice.

## Role

Elaborate on the role and responsibilities expected of the patient-partners in your project, if you would like a future engagement? Ask patients how they think they could contribute.

Note that patient partners are not limited to the early stages of a research project and can in fact participate in all phases of the study. However, involving them early in development helps build a foundation that ensures research relevance.

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