

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

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.

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.

**Project Summary
(10-15 minutes)**

**Involvement of
patient-partners
(30 minutes)**

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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