PCORI – Patient / Caregiver Peer Review Questions

This is a reference document, designed to assist you with your review. Many reviewers find it helpful to refer to the Review Questions (below) while reading the Draft Final Research Report.

REMEMBER: You still have to submit your review through the Editorial Manager online system.

Optional Personal Statement [NOT SENT TO AUTHORS]

➔ If you would like to make an optional personal statement about your health experiences to inform the contents of your review, please do so here. This statement will only be visible to editors, not to the authors or the public.

Review Questions [SENT TO AUTHORS]

➔ The report should describe how patients, caregivers, or patient advocates were consulted well enough for you to understand how their input contributed to the questions the study addressed, how the study was carried out, who participated in the study, and where the study took place. Were you able to understand how their input contributed to these aspects of the study? If not, what additional information is needed?

➔ Do you feel that patients and stakeholders had sufficient opportunity to contribute to this research in a meaningful way? Why or why not?

➔ What additional information, if any, would you need about the studied interventions (e.g., treatments, screening instruments, decision tools) to decide whether they could be helpful to you?

➔ Do the interventions seem feasible for you or other patients? What barriers, if any, could make it difficult for you or other patients to access, use, or stick with the interventions?

➔ Are the outcomes/results presented in the report important to you or other patients, caregivers, or patient advocates? What outcomes/results, if any, that are important to you were not presented in the report?

➔ Are the report findings (presented in the Abstract, Discussion/Conclusion, figures, and tables) clear to you? Please be as specific as possible (line number, page number) in describing what is unclear.

➔ Does the report adequately explain the benefits and harms of the interventions?

1 Your responses in sections marked “SENT TO AUTHOR” are viewed by the authors during the Peer Review process. Responses in sections marked “NOT SENT TO AUTHOR” are not visible to the authors.
Overall [SENT TO AUTHORS]

→ Please give the report an overall rating from 1 to 3, with 1 being the highest.
  □ 1 = High quality, little change required
  □ 2 = Moderate quality, change is required
  □ 3 = Low quality, substantial change is required

→ If you have any other comments you would like to share with the authors, enter them here.

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→ I felt my experience as a patient, caregiver, or patient advocate was appropriate for the studied health condition (e.g., cancer, pain, diabetes, immunology, chronic conditions).
  □ 1 – Strongly disagree □ 2 – Disagree □ 3 – Neutral □ 4 – Agree □ 5 – Strongly agree

→ I felt my experience as a patient, caregiver, or patient advocate was appropriate for the studied population (e.g., women, older adults, low-income groups, racial and ethnic minority groups, children).
  □ 1 – Strongly disagree □ 2 – Disagree □ 3 – Neutral □ 4 – Agree □ 5 – Strongly agree

→ I felt my experience as a patient, caregiver, or patient advocate was appropriate for the studied healthcare topic (e.g., self-management of health conditions, disparities, care coordination, electronic health/medical records).
  □ 1 – Strongly disagree □ 2 – Disagree □ 3 – Neutral □ 4 – Agree □ 5 – Strongly agree

→ How well I was matched to the report affected the quality of my review.
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→ How many hours did you spend reading and reviewing the report?

→ Is this your first report review?
  □ Yes □ No

→ Please share with us your overall comments on the process or anything you think would be helpful for future patient reviewers. These can relate to the review form, the training, the peer review management system, etc.

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