# PCORI – Stakeholder 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.

## Background [SENT TO AUTHORS]

→ Did the authors make a compelling case for the significance or potential impact of the research?  
*Please consider questions such as: Do the authors present all relevant information to justify the study aims and explain the clinical uncertainty? Are there missing elements? Are the study aims, research questions, and outcome measures relevant to patients and stakeholders?*

→ Are the study aims and/or research questions meaningful to stakeholders or to patients with similar health experiences? *Please explain your answer. What aspects (if any) were not considered but you think are critical?*

## Patient/Stakeholder Participation [SENT TO AUTHORS]

→ Does the report adequately describe how patients, caregivers, members of patient advocacy organizations, or other stakeholders were consulted and how their input influenced the planning and conduct of the study? *Please explain your answer. Were patient and/or stakeholder interests and preferences considered throughout the research process (forming research questions, identifying available treatment options, conducting the study, helping with recruitment, interpreting results, disseminating results)? Were there examples of how the study was changed based on stakeholder feedback, e.g., added new treatment arm, developed new recruitment materials, or refined the study website and educational materials? Also consider whether there were additional ways patients and stakeholders could have influenced the study.*

## Methods [SENT TO AUTHORS]

→ Are the interventions (treatments, screening, decision tools, etc.) being compared in the study the most meaningful to patients and/or caregivers with similar problems? Are the study outcomes meaningful to patients, caregivers, or other stakeholders? *Do you think that the authors described the intervention in sufficient detail for patients to understand what it was, who delivered it to study participants, and how it was delivered? Given the research questions, did the researchers compare the most relevant and compelling treatments? Does this study compare the treatment options that patients can obtain in real-world settings? Are the outcome measures the ones that are most important to patients?*

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Discussion & Conclusion [SENT TO AUTHORS]

→ Does the report provide information that will improve your decision-making? Please consider such questions as: Do the discussion and conclusion fit with your understanding of the question? Are the conclusions reasonable, and could you base decisions on the information presented? How could this be improved?

Dissemination [NOT SENT TO AUTHORS]

→ How important is it that patients, caregivers, patient advocates, clinicians, and others learn about the results of this research study?
  - Very Important
  - Important
  - Somewhat Important
  - Not Important
  - Don't know

→ How urgently should PCORI distribute this information?
  - This information should be shared immediately
  - This information doesn't have to be shared immediately
  - Don't know

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

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