



Research Advocacy Network

Advancing Patient-Focused Research

Roadmap to Research Advocacy Interest Self Assessment

Interest Assessment

This self assessment is offered to help you determine your main area of interest in research advocacy. Many research advocates participate in several varied activities so don't feel limited by this assessment let it serve as a guide to a starting place.

Medical, Scientific		
		<i>Rate your interest on a scale of 1-10 (10 being MOST interested)</i>
	I like to know of new medical discoveries	
	Science concepts are easy for me to grasp.	
	I like to research issues and understand the concepts.	

Ethics, Protections		
		<i>Rate your interest on a scale of 1-10 (10 being MOST interested)</i>
	I am interested in medical ethics and therapeutic safety.	
	I am not intimidated by legal wording.	
	I like rules to be followed.	

Communication		YES	NO
	I prefer one on one interactions		
	I prefer to read material and give written feedback		
	I prefer to work in committees/ groups		
	I like to do presentations in front of groups/ public speaking		
	I prefer talking to other patients/families		

Time/ Availability		YES	NO
	I prefer to volunteer for assignments on a regular basis		
	I can devote ___ hours per ___ week /month for advocacy activities		
	I prefer to volunteer for special events/ projects on occasional basis		

Analysis:

- A high interest score in **Medical, Scientific** and a preference to read material and give written feedback consider volunteering to **review grants**.
- A high interest score in **Medical, Scientific**, a preference to work in groups and the availability to travel to meetings consider volunteering for protocol committees or **cooperative group patient representative**.
- A high interest score in **Ethics, Protections** and a preference to work in groups, consider volunteering for an **Institutional Review Board**. (Each IRB has different time requirements).
- A preference for one on one **Communication** and work with patients and families consider volunteering for **peer support**. If you are comfortable with public speaking consider **public speaking about clinical trials**.