

Personalized Treatments for Depressive Symptoms in Patients with Advanced Heart Failure - Stakeholder Engagement Survey

*We want to learn about your experiences with engagement as advisers to our PCORI study.*

1. Please share how you became involved in this research project. What kind of impact did you hope to have when you became involved?
2. In which parts of the research project have you been engaged so far? Select all that apply.
  - a. Identifying research topics
  - b. Developing the research question
  - c. Proposal development
  - d. Adding more people to the research team
  - e. Study design
  - f. Recruiting or retaining study participants
3. We want to learn about how you have influenced the research project. Rate the amount of influence you have had on each of the parts of the project listed below. *(Likert scale response format: None, A small amount, A moderate amount, A great deal, I don't know whether I influenced this part)*
  - a. Identifying research topics
  - b. Developing the Research Question
  - c. Networking and Expanding the Research Team
4. We want to be sure we are doing a good job engaging you. Please rate your agreement with the following series of statements. *(Likert scale response format: Not at all, A little, Somewhat, A great deal)*
  - a. The project goals were clearly explained to me
  - b. The researchers knew the role of the advisory board as part of the team and supported the research partners
  - c. Advisory board members on the team were given the chance to share their view
  - d. Different viewpoints were accepted
  - e. The researchers responded to input from advisory board members
  - f. The researchers and advisory board members on the team truly worked together
  - g. The research project is designed to address the needs of patients and caregivers
  - h. I understood my role in the research process
  - i. I am satisfied with the decision-making process in which I have been involved
  - j. I received training and support to engage with researchers in the researcher project
5. Have you faced any of these challenges? Select all that apply.
  - a. The researchers didn't have enough knowledge about engaging with patients and stakeholders as partners
  - b. The stakeholders didn't have enough knowledge about engaging in research as partners

- c. The researchers didn't have enough time for engagement with patients and stakeholders
  - d. The stakeholders didn't have enough time for engagement with the project
  - e. There was a lack of resources for engagement (e.g., funds, meeting space, transportation, or parking)
  - f. The researchers didn't value advisory board input
6. How much did the challenges you selected above interfere with engaging with researchers in this project? *(Same answer choices as question 5, Likert scale response format: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree, Strongly agree)*
7. Please share how these challenges were addressed
8. Please share any other challenges you have faced that have not already been captured. How and to what extent have these challenges been resolved?
9. Please share anything that helped you engage in this research. For example, this may include training, or different types of support.
10. Please share any additional input not captured above. Thanks for your important feedback – it will help us better engage you moving forward.