



Poster Walkthrough Guidelines for Advocates

GRASP Poster Walkthroughs are virtual small-group discussions where patient advocates and researchers come together on Zoom to discuss scientific posters from major cancer conferences in a bidirectional exchange that deepens understanding.

Below is an overview of each role in a GRASP session:

Patient Advocate	A person whose life has been impacted by cancer, whether as a patient or caregiver
GRASP Mentor	An experienced patient advocate serving as the session's <i>facilitator</i> and point person
GRASP Scientist	A clinician or researcher serving as an <i>interpreter</i> to help explain the science in simpler terms
Poster Author	A clinician or researcher serving as the <i>presenter</i> of a scientific poster selected by GRASP

Session Overview:

- Sessions last 90 minutes and typically include 5-7 patient advocates, a GRASP Scientist, GRASP Mentor, and Poster Author(s) if available.
- The GRASP team will begin with a quick overview in the main Zoom before moving everyone into breakout groups.
- Each group will review two scientific posters. The Mentor will guide introductions and invite the Poster Author(s) (or Scientist) to review their respective posters.
- Mentors help pace the discussion and will pause as needed to clarify concepts or invite input.

- Scientists will step in if the Poster Author is unavailable or as needed, to help clarify complex ideas, explain visuals, and answer questions.

Your Role as an Advocate:

As a GRASP Advocate, your lived experience is your expertise. You don't need a background in science – just show up, ask questions, share what resonates with you.

- These are conversations, not lectures. Feel free to respectfully interrupt to ask questions, offer insights, or ask for clarification.
- Be mindful not to dominate the conversation – allow time for others to contribute too.
- Don't worry about “getting it right.” Your perspective is valued and needed.

How to Prepare:

- Check your assigned posters and group(s) at graspncancer.org/my-events.
- Watch our brief [instructional videos](#) and [GRASP Session Demo](#) to get a better understanding of how our sessions work.
- You can find all of the above in one place on your [member dashboard](#).

Tips for a Meaningful Discussion:

- **Show up ready to engage**—these are small-group conversations, not webinars. Avoid canceling late or multitasking.
- **Keep your camera on.** This helps foster meaningful, face-to-face conversation.
- **Be curious.** Ask what interests or confuses you – your questions help everyone.
- **Take notes and give feedback later.** We'll send a survey afterward, so take note of anything that could be improved or clarified.
- **Reminder:** GRASP sessions are not a place to seek medical advice.