



Poster Walkthrough Guidelines for Poster Authors

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 facilitator and point person
GRASP Scientist	A clinician or researcher serving as an interpreter to help explain the science in simpler terms
Poster Author	A clinician or researcher serving as the presenter 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) to review their respective poster.
- Mentors help pace the discussion and will pause as needed to clarify concepts or invite input.

- Scientists will step in as needed, to help clarify complex ideas, explain visuals, and answer questions.
- Patient advocates are encouraged to respectfully interrupt to ask questions and share their perspectives at any time.

Your Role as a Poster Author:

As a Poster Author, you'll briefly review your poster with the group, highlighting key points.

- Share your screen to present your poster and give a 10-15 minute overview using clear, simple language.
- Focus on key take aways, including why the research matters to patients.
- Keep it conversational—ask questions, invite thoughts, and be open to feedback.

How to prepare:

- Watch our brief [instructional videos](#) and [GRASP Session Demo](#) to get a better understanding of how our sessions work.
- Your [member dashboard](#) includes group assignments and all of the above in one place.
- Have your poster open and ready to share via Zoom.

Tips for a Meaningful Discussion:

- Provide background and context behind the science: What question is the poster exploring? Why does it matter?
- Explain technical terms (e.g., molecular profiling, epigenetic testing, etc.) in a way that is easy to understand.
- Help interpret visuals—such as graphs, study schematics, and diagrams.
- Ask patient advocates to share what stands out or raises questions as you review the poster.
- Listen actively. Patient perspectives often highlight challenges researchers may overlook.
- If you don't know the answer to something, that's okay! You can always follow up after the session.