



Poster Walkthrough Guidelines for Mentors

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) (or Scientist) to review their respective posters.
- Scientists will step in if the Poster Author is unavailable or 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 GRASP Mentor:

You're the facilitator. Your job is to create a welcoming space where advocates and researchers can engage in meaningful, two-way dialogue about the research.

- Ensure the discussion stays on pace—target roughly 35 minutes per poster.
- Prompt the Poster Author or Scientist to simplify complex terms, summarize takeaways, and interpret figures clearly.
- Support respectful interruptions and gently redirect if the conversation goes off-track or becomes too technical.
- Keep an eye out on who's participating—check in on quieter participants.
- Have the posters open and ready to share via Zoom in case the Poster Author or Scientist have screen-sharing issues.

How to prepare:

- Check your assigned posters and group(s) at graspcancer.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](#).
- We'll email you session details and instructions for reaching out to your group ahead of time.

Tips for a Meaningful Discussion:

- Ask how the researchers prefer to be addressed—first names are common, but it's always good to check.
- Ask the group if you can share contact information. A thank-you note afterward is a thoughtful gesture.
- Keep the conversation balanced—encourage advocates to ask questions or share insights, while making space for everyone to contribute.

Want to see these tips in action? Watch key moments in our GRASP Session Demo, including how to:

- [Coordinate introductions](#)
- [Guide the discussion](#)
- [Gently redirect the conversation](#)