



# Poster Walkthrough Guidelines for Scientists

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 <b>facilitator</b> and point person
GRASP Scientist	A clinician or researcher serving as an <b>interpreter</b> to help explain the science in simpler terms
Poster Author	A clinician or researcher serving as the <b>presenter</b> 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 posters.
- Mentors help pace the discussion and will pause as needed to clarify concepts or invite input.

- Patient advocates are encouraged to respectfully interrupt to ask questions and share their perspectives at any time.

## **Your Role as a GRASP Scientist:**

As a GRASP Scientist, your role is to help interpret the science and make the concepts easy to understand.

- If a Poster Author is present, they will review their own poster. You'll step in, as needed, to help clarify complex ideas, explain visuals, and answer questions.
- **If a Poster Author is unavailable to join, you'll take the lead on reviewing the assigned poster(s).**
- Your role is to make space for discussion, respond to questions, and translate technical concepts so everyone can follow.
- Have the posters open and ready to share via Zoom if Poster Author(s) are not present.

## **How to Prepare:**

- Check your assigned posters and group at [graspcancer.org/my-events](https://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](#).

## **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.
- Avoid judging the quality or validity of the posters.