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CARRA Pre-Training Assessment Form

Please answer the questions below to the best of your knowledge. Your identity will remain anonymous. The ID number in the upper right-hand corner will only be used to match your pre- and post-assessment forms.

- 1. Please check whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the eight statements listed below.**

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. I can explain the process NCI uses to select CARRA members to participate in the peer review process.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I can explain NCI's expectations of CARRA members for commenting on scientific research applications during the peer review process.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. I know how to efficiently prioritize the preparation materials I will receive prior to a peer review activity/meeting in which I will participate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. I feel confident that I can participate in the peer review scoring system for grant applications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. I am capable of writing a useful critique of a grant application assigned to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. I can explain the difference between 1) my role as a CARRA member participating in an NCI peer review, and 2) my role as an advocate for a specific research agenda.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. I would feel confident participating in a peer review meeting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2. Please read each statement and check if it is true or false.

	True	False
1. NCI's CARRA staff is responsible for making the final decisions regarding which CARRA members participate in specific peer review activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. A CARRA member is a full participating member of the review panel and has voting status equal to that of all other voting panel members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The role of CARRA members on a peer review panel is to share their personal cancer experience, as well as represent people with, and at risk for, cancer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. CARRA members may not participate in any lobbying activities from the time the peer review panel is convened to the time it is officially adjourned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. If you think you may have a conflict of interest regarding the review of an application, immediately contact the nearest NCI Cancer Center to determine whether a conflict exists.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The <i>appearance</i> of a conflict of interest is permitted in NCI peer review if no <i>actual</i> conflict of interest exists.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Because advocates focus primarily on human subjects issues during a peer review, CARRA members are not permitted to use the same review criteria as other review panel members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. CARRA members are responsible for reviewing plans for the inclusion of women, minorities, and children in grant applications and determining if the plans are acceptable, unacceptable, or absent.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Applications are scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with a "1" being the least acceptable and a "5" being outstanding.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 The difference between Phase I and Phase II clinical trials is that Phase I trials are done to test a new intervention with a small group of people for the first time to evaluate safety, and Phase II trials are done to test an intervention in a larger group of people to determine efficacy and to further evaluate its safety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attachment 3: Pre-Test for Advocates, CARRA Peer Review Workshop

	True	False
11. It is important to keep the details of a grant application confidential before and during the review meeting, but it is acceptable to discuss the application with others after the peer review meeting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. A summary statement is prepared after the peer review meeting by the SRA and is based on the individual critiques submitted by each reviewer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. If informed consent documents are not included in a grant application, human subjects will never be involved in the application's proposed research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. The members of the review panel who score applications include the Scientific Review Administrator (SRA), the chairperson, scientists, consumer(s), and fiscal consultants.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. An application's plan to protect human subjects should address the following criteria: risks to the subjects, adequacy of protections against risks, potential benefits of the proposed research to subjects and others, and the importance of knowledge to be gained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. A plan for monitoring data and safety is not required in applications for Phase I or Phase II clinical trials.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. For research purposes, the NIH defines a child as an individual under 18 years of age.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. CARRA members should include comments in their written critiques about the research design of an application, which directly or indirectly relate to patient recruitment and retention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. When reviewing grant applications, CARRA members should compare each application to the review criteria, but should not compare grant applications to each other.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Peer review is generally not time consuming, and should on average take about 24 hours spread over two weeks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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3. In the past year, have you participated in a grant/contract peer review panel?

Yes. If yes, please check all that apply.

The National Cancer Institute

The Department of Defense (DOD) Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP)

Other (please specify agency or organization) _____

No