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OAR Call Script with Prospective NCI Research Advocates

- Thank you for your interest in becoming an NCI research advocate.
- The NCI Office of Advocacy Relations (OAR) serves as a link between NCI and the cancer advocacy community, helping to identify research opportunities that speed advances and improve patient outcomes. OAR works with individual advocates, local and national advocacy groups, foundations, and professional societies to ensure that all have a chance to inform NCI's efforts to reduce the burden of cancer.
- Allow them to talk about their advocacy background and experiences
- Ensure they meet the required eligibility criteria:

Have more than two years of involvement in cancer-related activities
Communicate on a regular basis with a cancer-related organization (i.e. a non-profit advocacy
group, support group, or other similar organization)
Demonstrate a willingness and ability to learn more about cancer and cancer issues
Have access to and basic familiarity with computer technology
Be fluent in English
Have at least a high school diploma or GED equivalency

<u>If eligibility criteria is **not** met</u>: Thank them for their time and encourage them to serve with their local ACS chapter, local organization for their cancer type (or type of interest). Remind them to contact us if they have any additional information or future needs.

<u>If eligibility criteria met:</u> Thank them for their time thus far and ask if they have any past experience working with NCI. Tell them you will follow-up with an email on how they can create a profile in our research advocate system. Confirm the correct spelling of their name and email address.