

## **Benefits of Advocacy Involvement in Research Setting**

- Advocates/patients have helped to refine the nature of the research question to increase its relevance to research consumers.
- Input from advocates/patients has resulted in expanding the research scope of inquiry.
- The specific disease-related knowledge of advocates/patients has refined the choice of research tools.
- Advocates/patients have aided in expediting recruitment.
- Advocate/patient participation has aided in recruiting disparate groups, leading to greater diversity in the participating population.
- Advocate/patient input has led to a higher level of participation by the targeted research population.
- Research outcomes have been enhanced by advocate/patient input, helping to make research more meaningful to consumers.
- Advocates/patients have improved the data collection process or efforts.
- Advocates/patients have provided an expanded viewpoint during analysis or interpretation of results.
- Advocate/patient participation has improved the usability of research results to consumers.
- Advocate/patient expertise has aided in increasing dissemination of research results to an audience beyond the narrow scientific community.
- Advocate/patient input has assisted in setting funding priorities.
- Advocates'/patients' unique experience with disease has improved the informed consent process.
- Advocates/patients have improved the participant involvement process.
- Advocate/patient involvement has improved project credibility in both the research and consumer communities.
- Advocate/patient involvement has improved the likelihood of research being funded.
- Advocate/patient involvement has increased the likelihood of ethical review/IRB approval.