The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and the Veterans Administration (VA) Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D) are deeply committed to engaging patients, their families, caregivers, and others throughout the healthcare community in the research they fund. This includes strongly encouraging their serving as authors of resulting publications. This helps to ensure that these publications, like the work that generated them, meaningfully reflect both the experience of patients and other stakeholders involved in these studies and the relevance of study findings to the broader world of clinical research and care delivery.

To highlight that commitment, the HSR&D and PCORI are jointly supporting a 2021 supplement to the Journal of General Internal Medicine (JGIM), “Patient and Veteran Engagement in Healthcare Research.” For this special issue, we are particularly interested in understanding how patients/Veterans participated in shaping the design, conduct and dissemination of the intervention and how this in turn impacted the outcomes observed. But we also strongly encourage these same stakeholders, and others whose experiences don’t traditionally appear in professional journal articles, to submit standalone narrative articles telling the stories both of their involvement in particular studies and their reflections on the importance of engagement in clinical research more broadly.

These narratives may take the form of essays, commentaries, or perspective pieces that can provide important context for the research papers and other editorial content to be published, ensuring that the supplement reflects lived patient/Veteran experiences as part of a comprehensive picture of the research landscape.

All submissions for this supplement will be submitted to and subject to independent peer review and revision, if/as needed, prior to acceptance. In the case of the patient-authored articles, reviewers will include patients with relevant and appropriate experience with the topics, issues, and conditions about which the authors choose to write. Here are some specific guidelines:

**What we’re looking for:** Essays about the patient experience, in a specific research situation or more generally, that tell a strong, topical, and compelling personal story, with a clear point of view. Work must be original and not have been published in the same form elsewhere. Succinct descriptions of and perspectives on specific experiences and lessons in stakeholder engagement from the point of view of those involved in research studies, e.g. patients, Veterans, caregivers, and health professionals.

**Authors:** Up to three authors will be considered, although we strongly encourage submissions from individual patients, caregivers or others with particular personal perspectives. All submissions will be subject to accepted authorship and accountability standards. Authors must be named in communications with the editors but may ask to remain anonymous in final publication. Note that if you are mentioning or using identifiable patient information for someone other than yourself, you must provide consent or otherwise ensure that this information cannot be associated with a specific person.

**Length:** 1,500 words maximum (excludes references).

**References:** None required but may include up to five if the author(s) wish.
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