



PATIENT ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Background: Patients are a critical stakeholder in the Abdominal Core Health Quality Collaborative. Engaging patients is vital to our mission of enhancing the quality and value of care for patients with hernias and other abdominal core conditions.

Mission: Identify Areas to Improve Value of Care & Patient Outcomes

Strategy: Support the ACHQC's mission of enhancing patient outcomes through engagement of multiple stakeholders including surgeons and hernia patients to identify needs and define and develop educational tools and programs to bring value to ACHQC participants, patients and their care teams.

Membership: Committee members represent many ACHQC stakeholders and include participating surgeons, patients & ACHQC administration, communications and development.

****We are inviting patient representatives to consider joining the committee****

Patient members of the Committee are considering or have had hernia or abdominal wall surgery or participate in the care of someone who has had hernia or abdominal core surgery. Committee members must be ≥ 18 years of age and may come from all walks of life.

Patient representatives have a strong desire to share their experience for the benefit of helping others. Other characteristics of patient representatives include:

- ✓ Highly Motivated and Engaged
- ✓ Thoughtful and Collaborative
- ✓ Articulate
- ✓ Composed
- ✓ Public speaking and presentation skills (*preferred but not required*)

Key Patient Member Roles & Responsibilities:

- **Share the "Voice of the Patient"** – patient Committee members bring the Patient perspective to other ACHQC stakeholders (surgeons, clinical care teams, FDA, industry)
- Working with others on the Committee, offer input and recommendations on issues related to patient engagement & education
- Review and suggest feedback into ACHQC public data reporting and patient communications materials
- May make presentations to ACHQC groups, clinicians and others interested in enhancing patient abdominal core health

Time Commitment Requested:

- One Zoom teleconference Committee Call every 2-3 months (1 hour)
- Periodic review of materials/agenda prior to each committee meeting
- Attend committee meeting at the Annual QI Summit (optional)

For More Information or to Refer a Patient for Consideration – www.achqc.org

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