

MEASUREMENT MATTERS

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Engagement Measure (PCOR-EM)

Version 1.0 · 19 items

Permission to use

All individuals preparing to use the PCOR-EM must contact the PCOR-EM Principal Investigators by completing the interest form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/35V6LLF>. The form allows the team to track use of the tool, collect feedback, and share updates.

After using the PCOR-EM, please consider sharing your deidentified response data with the research team to support continued testing and refinement of the tool.

Directions

When answering the questions, consider your current or most recent engaged research project. Select one specific project and answer all 19 items based on that same project.

For each item, check the one box that best reflects what occurred in practice. Answer based on what the project actually did, rather than what was planned or intended. There are no right or wrong answers.

Project: _____

Date: _____

1. Engagement Infrastructure		Definitely No	Mostly No	Mostly Yes	Definitely Yes
1	Research team is motivated to do engagement in the project	☐	☐	☐	☐
2	Research team has reviewed materials on best practices of engagement	☐	☐	☐	☐
3	There is money allocated to engagement activities	☐	☐	☐	☐
4	There is a written plan for engaging patient/community partners in research	☐	☐	☐	☐
5	Researchers have access to training or mentoring on topics to enhance the engagement process	☐	☐	☐	☐

2. Inclusive Engagement		Definitely No	Mostly No	Mostly Yes	Definitely Yes
6	There is a written plan to engage underrepresented communities in the project	☐	☐	☐	☐
7	There is diversity among patient/community partners, such as their age, race, gender, opinion, lived experience, and expertise.	☐	☐	☐	☐
8	The research team reflects one or more communities being studied	☐	☐	☐	☐

3. Partnership and Communication		Definitely No	Mostly No	Mostly Yes	Definitely Yes
9	Patient/community partners are engaged in the design of research questions	☐	☐	☐	☐
10	Research timelines are influenced by engagement of patient/community partners	☐	☐	☐	☐
11	Patient/community partners and the research team communicate at least once per month during the project	☐	☐	☐	☐
12	Patients/community partners have more than one way to access engagement meetings	☐	☐	☐	☐
13	Individual and group conversations are available to patient/community partners	☐	☐	☐	☐
14	Time is dedicated during meetings to allow for open discussion with patient/community partners	☐	☐	☐	☐
15	Individuals facilitating meetings are skilled in both reflective listening and collaborative facilitation strategies	☐	☐	☐	☐

4. Feedback, Documentation, and Impact		Definitely No	Mostly No	Mostly Yes	Definitely Yes
16	Patient/community partners perspectives are thematically recorded through meeting notes	☐	☐	☐	☐
17	Written summaries of all patient/community partner meetings are shared with meeting attendees	☐	☐	☐	☐
18	Actions that result from meetings with patient/community partners are documented and shared with meeting attendees	☐	☐	☐	☐
19	Research improvements that result from patient/community partner engagement are shared with all patient/community partners	☐	☐	☐	☐

Scoring. All 19 items must be answered to calculate a score. Use the PCOR-EM Score Calculator and the PCOR-EM instructions to score responses and interpret results.

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