

Position on Patient Organization Engagement

Background

Patient organizations play an active role in representing the patient voice to society and the healthcare community. Patient organizations are an important stakeholder for Astellas.

Our Position

Astellas believes that engaging with patient organizations has the potential to advance our ability to develop effective medical treatments by better understanding the patient's perspective and desired outcomes and enriching our understanding of the broader healthcare environment. By working together and developing long-term relationships with patient organizations, we can achieve our shared objective of improving the experiences and outcomes for patients and caregivers.

Patient organizations work with patients and caregivers and possess a unique knowledge of their unmet needs. Astellas respects the immense value these insights can offer to help Astellas better understand the patient journey. For example, where appropriate and possible, we will work with patient organizations to enhance our research and development quality. Astellas is currently engaging in efforts to include patient input in the optimal design and execution of clinical trials and identification of additional relevant endpoints important to patients.

Astellas believes that we can build trust with patients and other relevant stakeholders and deliver even more value within the healthcare ecosystem through working with patient organizations. For example, we strive to help patients and their caregivers better understand and manage their conditions by supporting the critical work by patient organizations to improve the health literacy of their members.

Patient engagement requires working together with integrity, in a transparent, ethical and professional manner. Astellas accomplishes this when relationships are based on an independent, mutually respectful, authentic and trustworthy foundation. Astellas is committed to pursuing the development of these meaningful relationships and transparent interactions with patient organizations in compliance with the relevant laws, local regulations, and rules and guidelines of the innovative pharmaceutical industry.