

Patient Perspectives: Clinical Trials Storytelling

2025-26 Program Form and Application

GRACE Patient Perspectives: Clinical Trials Storytelling Program Overview

The goal of this Patient Perspectives program is to give a voice to those with experience participating in a clinical trial for a cancer diagnosis. By telling your story, you can educate others on the process, discuss your difficulties, and share your accomplishments. Your voice helps educate and advocate for others who are in or may be considering a clinical trial.

Storytelling will take the form of written, video, and/or audio/podcast to reach the largest audience. GRACE staff will coach and support participants on digital outreach and advocacy.

All people currently enrolled in, or with past enrollment in, a clinical trial for a cancer diagnosis are welcome and encouraged to apply. GRACE's designated committee will review the nominees and select up to 3 applicants for participation in the 2025-26 program.

Who is GRACE?

The Global Resource for Advancing Cancer Education (GRACE, cancerGRACE.org) is a non-profit organization founded by leading Thoracic Oncologist, Dr. Howard (Jack) West, in 2007. GRACE's mission is to provide expert-mediated information directly to people with a cancer diagnosis and their caregivers to empower them to become direct partners in their cancer treatment. We currently produce over 300 short videos each year, reaching our community in over 190 countries.

Benefits of Participation

Applicants selected for this year's program will work closely with GRACE staff to develop new educational content and learn new communication skills through the storytelling process. Participants will receive coaching on digitally distributed content, social media, and other platforms. Work will be highlighted and shared by GRACE, our network of established leaders in the oncology community, and GRACE board members with an array of interests and connections.

Participants will receive a stipend and training in communication and media platforms.

Expectations

Participants will work with GRACE to develop program formats and production, and will present a proposal based on their experience in a clinical trial program. Participants will be expected to attend (via ZOOM) regular meetings throughout the program year to learn and discuss their ideas. **A minimum of three (3) media productions per participant will be expected by the end of the program.**

Ideal Candidates

People who are navigating a cancer diagnosis, who are currently or have been involved in a clinical trial, and who have a passion for helping others and telling their stories are ideal for this program.

Applicants should have a particular interest and passion for communications, sharing experiences, storytelling, and patient education. People looking for a way to give back to the cancer community who exhibit strong written and oral communication skills, coupled with a passion for sharing experiences to educate and advocate, will thrive in this program. GRACE will guide them through boosting their voice to advocate for themselves and others in the cancer community.

2025 is our fifth year for this program, and we are excited to continue to generate a platform for patient advocacy and sharing patient education in the area of clinical trials.

All application forms must be submitted by October 5, 2025, for consideration. Applicants will be contacted by October 25, 2025, with information regarding acceptance and the next steps.

To apply online, please [CLICK HERE](#) OR complete the **below pdf** form below and email it to dbrock@cancerGRACE.org.

GRACE Patient Perspectives: Clinical Trials Experiences Storytelling Program Application

Name of Applicant:

Email:

Phone Number:

Cancer Diagnosis:

Clinical Trial(s):

**Institution(s) Involved
in Clinical Trial:**

**Date Clinical Trial(s)
Began:**

**Date Clinical Trial(s)
Ended if Applicable:**

GRACE's mission is to deliver credible information about the most current and emerging treatment information to patients through a variety of media, including written articles, podcasts, and video, to reach the widest audience and empower patients to become partners in their cancer care.

If you are accepted into this program, which media style is your preferred method of delivery?

Please rank from 1- 3, 1 being most preferred and 3 being least preferred:

Written 1 2 3 Audio/Podcast 1 2 3 Video 1 2 3

Please rate your written communication skills:

Poor	Fair	Average	Very Good	Excellent
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Please rate your oral communication skills:

Poor	Fair	Average	Very Good	Excellent
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Please rate your ability to stay abreast of the latest advances in cancer medicine:

Poor	Fair	Average	Very Good	Excellent
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Tell us about yourself! (please provide in the spaces below):

✓ Paragraph describing your passion for information sharing and education; specifically, why do you want to participate in this program? (500 characters maximum)

✓ Paragraph describing your flair for communication with examples of how you've effectively communicated. Please share links to examples (e.g., social media, YouTube videos, keynote speeches, etc.). (500 characters maximum)

✓ Will you be able to attend regular meetings (via ZOOM) throughout the program year?

- Yes
- No

✓ Will you be able to produce a minimum of 3 pieces of content, with GRACE's help, by the end of the program year?

- Yes
- No

✓ Please share with us potential topics you are interested in discussing/exploring for content creation.

✓ Any other information you feel is important to this decision-making process. (500 characters maximum)

Thank you for your interest in participating in this unique opportunity! We will be in touch to confirm receipt. Please be assured that the above information will not be shared with any third party. All application forms must be submitted by October 5, 2025, for consideration.