You can help health science: Pilot the Public Research Expert Training Course

HELP PILOT TEST THE PATIENT AND PUBLIC RESEARCH EXPERT TRAINING COURSE

To validate whether the material in the online modules in the Patient Public Research Expert Course (is understandable, readable and fit for purpose for our target audience of patient advocates; we will be conducting a pilot test of all of the online teaching module from May 4 – June 8 2014.

Volunteer Public and Patient Reviewers

For this pilot test we are looking for volunteers to go through a designated part of the Public Research course and answer questions about the training material provided. As the total time to complete the e-learning is 150-175 hours we are looking for several volunteers to help us run the pilot test.
The minimum amount of time we are asking from our volunteers is 3 hours with a maximum of 9 hours in total in one week.

**Sign Up to test public research training**

If you are willing to take part in the pilot test please follow this link to this survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EUPATIpilottest in which you can provide your availability for weekly time-slots from May 4 2014 – June 8 2014.

The deadline for volunteering for the pilot test is April 18 2014. We will get back to you before April 25th with the details of the testing procedure. Please note that to take part in the pilot test for the Public Research Expert Training Course the only thing you need is a laptop/pc/tablet and a (broadband) internet connection.

If in the meantime you have any questions please contact Kim Wever at usertesting@patientsacademy.eu and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Avoid COI Pitfalls Be in the Know About Real Research**

EUPATI is a great initiative to equip patient advocates with balanced information so that they can be real advocates and thoughtful policy changers. I like the aspect of all stakeholders having input into the claim. I have watched diligent and compassionate advocacy fail and that precious life force wasted simply because the advocates lacked the skills to interact or were influenced by those with conflicts of interest. Advocates need understanding of why things are done in medicines development and other public research so they can contribute meaningfully to the process. Once this is
established through first and second generation trained advocates quality information will begin to infiltrate the culture.

Research shows exponential growth and more serious adverse events

Public Research trials conducted over the Internet are experiencing exponential growth with little methodological research to inform their conduct. During 2012, 83% of the population used the Internet at least once to search for health information and this does not account for those that used the Internet to find health information for others.

Stop Research Harms by Arming the public with Real Evidence Based Knowledge

Serious adverse event rates in clinical trials are on the increase and enrolment and participant retention continues to drop. Harms from inadequately consented vulnerable populations have halted research and invoked international concern. In this age participants need the tools of Public Research to become collaborators in their own health research.