

Person-Centeredness of Research (PCoR) Scale

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Purpose: The intent of this rating scale is to assess whether research reflects the needs and viewpoints of people the research intends to help. The scale can be used to rate research products such as abstracts, manuscripts, proposals, and protocols. This scale could 1) help patients, communities, reviewers, researchers, and funding agencies assess the person-centeredness of research, 2) help evaluators assess the extent to which research meets person-centered criteria, and 3) assist researchers in strengthening the person-centeredness of their work.

Key Definitions

Persons: Individuals including patients (people with current or past experience of illness or injury and their families) and communities (groups of people with a similar background, culture, or health condition or who live in the same area).

Person-centeredness: Respectful of and responsive to the preferences, needs, and values of persons of interest.

Belief: something accepted as true with or without evidence.

Attitude: way of thinking or feeling about someone or something.

Concerns: matters of interest or importance to someone.

Instructions: Review the items below so that you are familiar with what is being assessed. Then review the research product to be rated. After reviewing the research product, complete the scale. For items where the information seems insufficient or if you can't decide on whether you agree or disagree, choose "neither."

Elements of Person-Centeredness	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
1. There is evidence that beliefs relevant to the population of interest or to persons/community members in general are included or addressed in the research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. There is evidence that attitudes relevant to the population of interest or to persons/community members in general are included or addressed in the research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. There is evidence that concerns relevant to the population of interest or to persons/community members in general are included or addressed in the research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Person/community-centered goals and/or outcomes are included or addressed in the research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Research priorities of interest to or identified by persons/community are included or addressed in the research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The needs of persons/community are included or addressed in the research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Individuals representing person and/or communities are engaged in the research as stakeholders, advisors, consultants, or team members (beyond serving as research participants or volunteers).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>