

In what other ways does the Stakeholder Engagement Team work with advocacy organizations?

Our Stakeholder Engagement team has developed several programs to help facilitate dialogue about the patient journey and connect advocates across various therapeutic areas.

Patient Advocates Advisory Committee

The Patient Advocates Advisory Committee serves as a confidential sounding board for seeking and evaluating patient feedback regarding healthcare needs and services, strengthening our ability to meet the needs of patients.

Annual Patient Advocacy Summit

Our annual Patient Advocacy Summit gathers more than 100 patient advocacy leaders to discuss some of the pressing issues confronting medical innovation and patient access to quality care.

Change Together

Launched in April 2016, our Change Together website aims to foster patient-focused collaboration, share best practices and provide resources aimed at improving patient care.

The site is regularly updated with content from our Community of Advocates and our own Stakeholder Engagement Team, all aimed at stimulating dialogue around those issues that matter most in improving patient advocacy and care.

Patient advocacy groups can join the Community of Advocates in a number of ways, including:

- Submitting an article or an idea for one
- Listing an event in our interactive calendar
- Joining the discussion by commenting on articles
- Submitting a Best Practice case study from your organization
- Linking to Change Together from your group website

Please visit our website at
www.changetogether.com
to find out more.

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Stakeholder Engagement at Astellas



About the Astellas Stakeholder Engagement Team

Astellas recognizes the crucial role that patient advocacy organizations play in enhancing and extending the lives of patients.

Through collaboration with the patient advocacy community, our Stakeholder Engagement Team works to help improve patient outcomes and address patients' unmet needs head on. We engage with patients and advocacy organizations in a number of ways: funding advocacy activities – through donations, sponsorship and grants – and seeking guidance from the advocacy community.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about any of the information in this brochure, please contact a member of the Stakeholder Engagement Team or email stakeholder.engagement@astellas.com.



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What funding and support options are available for advocacy groups?

Astellas supports patient advocacy organizations through funding sponsorships and providing charitable donations and grants.

Sponsorships

Our sponsorship programs typically offer support to an event or program in return for a tangible benefit. These can include annual memberships to societies or committees, promotional display opportunities or corporate brand recognition on promotional materials.

Some of the areas Astellas actively supports through sponsorship include:

- Public awareness and educational activities
- Healthcare conferences or meetings
- Booths, exhibits and displays
- Research collaborations
- Memberships

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted to stakeholder.engagement@astellas.com, and initial requests received at least six weeks in advance of the event or activity, to ensure that each request can be fully reviewed.

Charitable donations

Astellas Charitable Contributions support qualified 501(c)(3) or otherwise tax exempt organizations that support patients, family members and caregivers affected by disease. Specific areas of focus include *Aging Healthy* and *Patient and Caregiver Community Support*.

Our charitable donations system helps support several charitable activities, including:

- Patient and caregiver support programs
- Patient and caregiver education and health literacy programs
- Local/community support events and fundraising activities
- Equipment donations

All requests must be made at least 60 days prior to the program or event start date. For more information on charitable donations, go to www.astellasgrants.com.

Independent Medical Education grants

An Independent Medical Education (IME) grant provides funding for high-quality, evidence-based education across disease areas and is relevant to current educational needs of healthcare providers. This differs from a charitable donation which can be used by an organization to support general activities or specific activities.

For more information on IMEs and to apply, go to www.astellasgrants.com/IndependentMedicalEducation.html.

Does Astellas provide patients assistance with obtaining its medications?

Yes. Astellas Pharma Support SolutionsSM offers access and reimbursement services to help patients and their healthcare providers overcome challenges to accessing Astellas products.

The portal can be accessed at:

<https://astellaspharmasupportsolutions.com/patient/index.aspx>.

