

Safdar Research Partner – Patient or Caregiver Position Description

Position Summary: Research Partners provide feedback on Dr. Nasia Safdar's research based on their relevant experiences and knowledge. Nasia is an infectious disease doctor at the UW Hospital and the Madison Veteran Affairs (VA) Hospital. Her research focuses on the prevention and treatment of healthcare-associated infections.

Patients and caregivers have personal, lived experience with health conditions and the health care system. This experience provides a perspective and expertise on health and healthcare services that is different than researchers. Typically, patients and caregivers have not been included in the research process (designing, conducting, and reporting the results of studies). Because of this, some issues that are important to patients and caregivers have been overlooked. In addition, some solutions identified by research do not adequately meet the needs of patients and caregivers.

Patient and Caregiver Research Partners engage with the Safdar research team to ensure their perspectives and expertise are included in the research process. They help identify priority topics, guide design of current and future studies, and publicize results of completed studies.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide feedback on stakeholder engagement plan as it is developed
 - Recruitment documents
 - Training/orientation
 - Stakeholder roles and responsibilities
 - Application process
- Give periodic feedback on study documents or design via phone or email, as needed by study team
- Attend annual, in-person meeting at UW-Madison
- Attend 2-3 webinar/phone calls per year
- Complete an engagement profile/resume

Required Qualifications:

- Relevant experience as a patient or caregiver
- Interest in reducing healthcare-associated infections and improving patient care
- Ability to:
 - Share perspectives, insights and information in constructive ways
 - Listen well
 - Respect differing opinions
 - Speak comfortably in a group
 - Represent and empathize with experiences different than their own
 - Commit to attending one in-person meeting at UW-Madison and 2-3 virtual meetings per year for 2 years

Term of commitment: 2 years, renewal possible

Compensation: \$200 annually