

Stupid Cancer Research Project Guidelines

Objective: Support patient-centered research that is responsive to the experiences and needs of AYAs affected by cancer and their caregivers and aligned with goals for improving AYA cancer.

In support of our strategic objective to ***successfully position Stupid Cancer as the leader in the adolescent and young adult oncology space***, it is vital to our mission to connect our community with resources that will advance the overall treatment and survivorship for all adolescents and young adults diagnosed with cancer. Developing a thoughtful approach to research helps the organization to deepen our relationship with the research and professional community while meeting our strategic goal of *strengthening our pulse on this community to gain a better understanding of the current and changing needs of the AYA community*. To do this, we need to establish our process for how, when, and why we partner with researchers whose studies support our community.

If Stupid Cancer agrees to support in promotion, recruitment or any other part of your research process, researchers agree to:

- Provide Stupid Cancer a summation of main research findings at the conclusion of the study. This would be in the form of a one-page, formatted PDF that summarizes your aims, your results, and why your research is relevant to the AYA community and how it improves or enlightens their psycho/social/medical experience. This PDF will be posted on our website for our community to see and learn from. We'll use this document to determine whether there's an opportunity to create a research-based program or learning campaign in the future.
- Share a story through [Stupid Cancer Stories](#) about your experience with the AYA community and/or what drives you to do this research/how this research came about.

Upon confirmation of these guidelines, Stupid Cancer will take one week to approve or deny the request, notifying the researcher once a decision has been made. If approved, we will request any additional materials needed to schedule and create **two social media posts** for participant recruitment.

If you would like Stupid Cancer's support in promotion, recruitment or any other part of your research process, please send an email to contact@stupidcancer.org with a clear description of the study aims, methods, details about your target participant population, form of participant compensation (not required), an IRB approval document, your projected timeline and a recruitment flyer.