

BREAKOUT QUESTIONS

These questions were compiled from crowd sourcing on Twitter. Let us know if you have ideas for additional questions!

Ask advocates

1. What is your cancer story?
2. What challenges did you face during the diagnosis?
3. What advocacy activities do you participate in?
4. What would you like a researcher to know about having your disease?
5. What is important to you when it comes to discoveries about your disease (a new drug for your disease)?

Ask trainees

1. What kind of research do you do? Explain your project.
2. Why did you go into this area of research?
3. How do you think what you are studying will help a real live patient?
4. What plans do you have to engage with people with the disease your research will impact?
5. How might patient advocates work with researchers as integral part of a research team?
6. How are you communicating about your work with people outside of your field? (Brainstorm how advocates and trainees can work together to accomplish this!)
7. How might your research improve quality of life (QoL)?
8. How and where do you get your funding?
9. How long do you think it will be before your research either saves lives, extends lives or improves the quality of cancer patients lives?
10. Do you take time out occasionally to reflect on bigger picture issues and make occasional cross disciplinary connections in cancer research? Sometimes talking to a colleague working in another area can ask the most basic questions or stimulate other ideas in your work!
11. What do you know about genetics/ family history and cancer?
12. How do I find out about specific research projects relevant to me?
13. How do I raise ringfenced funds for that project?
14. How do I keep updated on that project so I stay as motivated to keep on helping?
15. How do you plan to let me know the outcome of your study and what implications it has for patients like me?
16. How do you determine your research priorities?