



Patient/survivor/caregiver reviewers will use the following **Patient/Survivor/Caregiver Merit Rating Scale** to assess, from their perspective, the level of importance of the challenge being addressed and the degree to which the proposed research is relevant to cancer and individuals affected by or at risk of cancer.

| Descriptor | Challenge Grants Patient/Survivor/Caregiver Merit Rating Scale | Priority for funding |
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| Exceptional | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project addresses a <u>very important</u> challenge in cancer and appropriate steps to tackle the challenge, both during and post-grant, are well articulated. • The project has the <u>highest potential</u> to generate outcomes that will (ultimately) be meaningful to people affected by or at risk of cancer. • A <u>clear and well-described</u> plan for knowledge translation and mobilization is provided clearly detailing steps to facilitate uptake and adoption by members of the scientific community, general public, relevant patient populations and/or end users. <p>Project is <u>very relevant</u> to cancer and exhibits at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed work will <u>impact</u> cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis and/or treatment approaches. • The proposed work will <u>impact</u> the quality of life for people living with and beyond cancer. • The proposed work will <u>significantly</u> address the needs of cancer patients, survivors and/or their caregivers. | High |
| Strong | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project addresses an <u>important</u> challenge in cancer and appropriate steps to tackle the challenge, both during and post-grant, are well articulated. • The project has a <u>high potential</u> to generate outcomes that will (ultimately) be meaningful to people affected by or at risk of cancer. • A <u>sufficient</u> plan for knowledge translation and mobilization is provided clearly detailing steps to facilitate uptake and adoption by members of the scientific community, general public, relevant patient populations and/or end users. <p>Project is <u>relevant</u> to cancer and exhibits at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed work will <u>improve</u> cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis and/or treatment approaches. • The proposed work will <u>improve</u> the quality of life for people living | Medium |



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| | <p>with and beyond cancer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed work will <u>substantially</u> address the needs of cancer patients, survivors and/or their caregivers. | |
| Moderate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project addresses a <u>somewhat important</u> challenge in cancer and steps to tackle the challenge, both during and post-grant, are articulated.• The project has <u>some potential</u> to generate outcomes that will (ultimately) be meaningful to people affected by or at risk of cancer.• A plan for knowledge translation and mobilization is provided but steps to facilitate uptake and adoption by members of the scientific community, general public, relevant patient populations and/or end users are <u>insufficient or not clearly described</u>. <p>Project is <u>somewhat relevant</u> to cancer and exhibits at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed work will have <u>contribution</u> to cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis and/or treatment approaches.• The proposed work will have <u>contribution</u> to the quality of life for people living with and beyond cancer.• The proposed work will <u>address</u> the needs of cancer patients, survivors and/or their caregivers. | Low |
| Insufficient | <p>The proposed work is not addressing a challenge relevant to cancer and individuals affected by or at risk of it.</p> | None |