



Patient/survivor/caregiver reviewers will use the following **Patient/Survivor/Caregiver Merit Rating Scale** to assess, from their perspective, the degree to which the proposed research is relevant to cancer and individuals living with or beyond a cancer diagnosis.

Descriptor	Atlantic Cancer Research Grants Patient/Survivor/Caregiver Merit Rating Scale	Priority for funding
Exceptional	The proposed research is <u>very relevant</u> to cancer. AND Project exhibits at least one of the following: <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	The proposed research is <u>relevant</u> to cancer. AND Project exhibits at least one of the following: <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 with and beyond cancer.• The proposed work will <u>substantially</u> address the needs of cancer patients, survivors and/or their caregivers.	Medium
Moderate	The proposed research is <u>somewhat relevant</u> to cancer. AND Project exhibits at least one of the following: <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	The proposed work is <u>not considered relevant</u> to cancer.	None