

Join the National Eczema Society as an 'Expert by Experience' Member

Are you passionate about improving the lives of those living with eczema? Do you have personal experience with eczema, either as a patient or a caregiver? If so, we want you to join our 'Expert by Experience' Pool.

The National Eczema Society is dedicated to supporting people with eczema, raising awareness, and funding vital research to find better treatments.

The National Eczema Society is inviting members of the public with personal experience of eczema, either as patients or caregivers, to apply for our 'Expert by Experience' roles. We are looking for passionate individuals who can contribute their unique insights and experiences to shape our work and ensure that the voices of those living with eczema are at the heart of what we do.

Why Join?

As an 'Expert by Experience' member you will have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact by:

- **Advising on Research Priorities:** Help us identify and prioritize the most pressing research questions/trials and projects that matter to people with eczema.
- **Reviewing Research Proposals:** Provide your perspective on research applications to ensure they are relevant and accessible to patients and the public.
- **Co-designing Projects:** Collaborate with researchers and healthcare professionals to help design studies, patient facing materials/resources and initiatives that truly reflect the needs and concerns of the eczema community.
- **Raising Awareness:** Contribute to our campaigns and outreach efforts by sharing your story and insights to help others understand the challenges of living with eczema.

Who We Are Looking For

We welcome applications from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences, including:

- **Patients:** Those living with eczema of any severity or type.
- **Caregivers:** Family members or carers who support someone with eczema.
- **Diverse Voices:** People from all age groups, ethnicities, and communities to ensure a wide range of perspectives.

No formal qualifications or experience are required, just a willingness to share your experiences and collaborate with others to make a difference.

How to Apply

To apply, please complete our online application form [link] by [deadline date]. If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please contact us at info@eczema.org.

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Join us in our mission to improve the lives of those affected by eczema. Your experience matters, and together, we can make a lasting impact.

Potential Skills from PPE Members with the National Eczema Society

Lived Experience:

- Personal experience managing eczema
- Caregiving experience for someone with eczema
- Understanding of the emotional and psychological impact of eczema

Communication:

- Ability to articulate personal experiences effectively
- Public speaking or advocacy skills
- Writing skills for sharing stories or feedback

Empathy and Listening:

- Strong listening skills to understand others' perspectives
- Ability to provide constructive and compassionate feedback
- Sensitivity to diverse experiences and needs

Collaboration:

- Experience working in teams or group settings
- Ability to work with researchers, healthcare professionals, and other stakeholders

- Openness to different viewpoints and ideas

Critical Thinking:

- Analytical skills to review and assess research proposals
- Ability to identify gaps or areas of improvement in projects or initiatives
- Problem-solving skills to contribute to project design and execution

Advocacy:

- Experience in advocating for healthcare or patient rights
- Ability to represent the needs and concerns of the eczema community
- Skills in campaigning or public outreach

Cultural Competency:

- Understanding of how eczema affects different communities and cultures
- Ability to provide insights on cultural sensitivities and appropriate messaging
- Experience working with or within diverse populations

Digital Literacy:

- Familiarity with social media platforms for outreach and awareness
- Ability to provide input on online resources and digital tools
- Experience with virtual collaboration tools (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams)

Project Management:

- Experience in planning or managing projects, even on a small scale
- Organizational skills to help coordinate activities or events
- Ability to track progress and ensure timely completion of tasks

Health Literacy:

- Understanding of medical terminology and concepts related to eczema
- Ability to translate complex information into lay terms
- Knowledge of healthcare systems and patient rights

Creativity:

- Ability to contribute innovative ideas for public engagement and awareness campaigns
- Skills in creating visual or written content to raise awareness
- Openness to exploring new ways of addressing eczema-related challenges

Feedback and Evaluation:

- Experience in providing detailed and constructive feedback
- Ability to participate in surveys, focus groups, or interviews
- Skills in evaluating the effectiveness of programs or initiatives

Join us in our mission to support life-changing eczema research. Your experience matters!

We look forward to welcoming passionate and dedicated individuals to our team!

Open Call for PPE last reviewed September 2024/Approved November 2024

Next review scheduled: November 2027