



Instructions for Patients— Preliminary Round

As a patient, your role is key to the success of the National Patient Counseling Competition. It is very important that your role playing be consistent from participant to participant. *Perhaps the most significant potential pitfall of the entire competition is a patient whose role-playing prejudices the outcome.*

The purpose of the preliminary round is to distinguish 10 participants who will advance to the final round.

You should react to the participant, but you should not initiate superfluous discussions during this round of the competition. You should answer questions by the participant but, naturally, there should be no attempt to "sandbag" or confuse the participant. You should appear receptive to the information being conveyed but otherwise not interact with the participant unless a question is asked. If questions are asked, you should provide a reasonable answer. You should be familiar with the patient profile and know appropriate answers to questions such as, "When do you usually eat dinner," "What is your occupation," etc. You should not, however, create a dilemma that is not apparent from the prescription and patient profile.

Thank you for being a patient for our competition. We hope the experience is an enjoyable one.