



Instructions for Patient—Final Round

As a patient, your role is key to the success of the Patient Counseling Competition. It is very important that the role playing that you will do as a patient 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 final round is to select the winner for the competition as well as three runners-up. Because this is the final round, the situation presented to the participant is more challenging than in the preliminary round.

In this round you will display a personality characteristic such as anger, worry, distrust, a hearing impairment, etc. The personality characteristic that you will play for a particular participant is chosen at random. You should play the selected role so that the participant must work to overcome the communication obstacle presented by the personality characteristic, but not so that it is impossible to communicate. The specific method of playing the role will vary from one participant to another. It is difficult to maintain a consistent approach, but it is very important to avoid being overly difficult with good communicators and overly compliant with poor communicators.

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