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.

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- The proposed work will impact cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis and/or treatment approaches.  
- The proposed work will impact the quality of life for people living with and beyond cancer.  
- The proposed work will significantly address the needs of cancer patients, survivors and/or their caregivers. | High |
| **Strong** | The proposed research is relevant to cancer. AND Project exhibits at least one of the following:  
- The proposed work will improve cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis and/or treatment approaches.  
- The proposed work will improve the quality of life for people living with and beyond cancer.  
- The proposed work will substantially address the needs of cancer patients, survivors and/or their caregivers. | Medium |
| **Moderate** | The proposed research is somewhat relevant to cancer. AND Project exhibits at least one of the following:  
- The proposed work will have contribution to cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis and/or treatment approaches.  
- The proposed work will have contribution to the quality of life for people living with and beyond cancer.  
- The proposed work will address the needs of cancer patients, survivors and/or their caregivers. | Low |
| **Insufficient** | The proposed work is not considered relevant to cancer. | None |