

## LETTERS

### Response to “Against patient involvement in clinical research”

Professor McGregor urges me to resist displaying hubris<sup>1</sup> — which is defined as “excessive pride or self-confidence; arrogance.” Perhaps Professor McGregor misunderstands my motive in writing this editorial.<sup>2</sup> In truth, using the platform that I am so privileged to have, I am advocating for our profession to move away from the hubristic notions that physicians — and medical researchers — know best what patients value, without bothering to

ask them. It is my hope that *CMAJ* can play its part in supporting evolving best practice in medical research.

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