



CHARTER

OF THE PRIX GALIEN PATIENT FIRST AWARD COMMITTEE

PREAMBLE

The Galien Patient First Award honors the legacy of Professor Elie Wiesel, Honorary Founding President of the Galien Foundation, Peace Nobel Laureate, Holocaust survivor, and life long advocate for responsibility to guide humanity forward. His belief that science and innovation must always serve people with dignity, compassion, and justice remains at the heart of the Galien Foundation's mission.

In this spirit, the Galien Foundation introduces the Patient First Award as a new category of the Prix Galien USA, recognizing excellence in clinical research, clinical trials, and patient-centered care improvement initiatives that embody the principle "No decision for me without me." This award celebrates organizations that have meaningfully integrated patient voices into how research or patient care improvement initiatives are designed, conducted, and translated into better care.

VISION



The Patient First Award recognizes innovations in research, clinical trials, and care improvement that are led by patients or developed with patients as true partners, not as passive participants. It honors organizations that demonstrate that placing patients at the center of clinical research and care improvement is not only an ethical imperative, but a driver of better science, stronger evidence, greater trust, and more sustainable innovation.

We believe the future of medicine depends on authentic collaboration with patients across the full innovation lifecycle—from defining unmet needs and trial design, to recruitment, evidence generation, outcome interpretation, and real-world care improvement.

SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

The award highlights excellence in initiatives that:

- ☞ Are led by patient organizations or embed patient voices directly into clinical trial design, recruitment, and execution
- ☞ Integrate lived experience into research priorities, protocols, and outcome measures
- ☞ Advance patient-centered quality improvement in real-world care delivery
- ☞ Demonstrate transparency, equity, and trust in patient partnerships
- ☞ Translate research into meaningful improvements in patient outcomes and quality of life

ELIGIBILITY

The Patient First Award is open to patient-led organizations, life science companies, academic institutions, research organizations, and healthcare systems, that demonstrate a genuine, sustained commitment to patient engagement or patient-driven leadership in:

- ☞ clinical research
- ☞ clinical trials
- ☞ evidence generation
- ☞ care improvement initiatives

Eligible initiatives must show that patient involvement or patient leadership is foundational to the work, not symbolic or retrospective.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

When patients are empowered as partners in research, trials, and care improvement, the entire healthcare ecosystem benefits. The Patient First Award exists to recognize, elevate, and accelerate this model—so that patient-centered research and care improvement become the standard, not the exception.