Key components of successful patient groups

Successful patient groups:

- Often include doctors
- Are well organized
- Have clear strategies to maximize their chances of achieving desired changes
- Communicate frequently and effectively with members
- Have clear reporting structures and accountability
- Command respect
- Have a wide range of skills, experience and knowledge within their board
- Have realistic & achievable aims and objectives that clearly address the needs & concerns of their members
- Work within their available resources, and efficiently mobilize external expertise and resources where necessary
- Cultivate the media
- Develop good relationships with funders
- Have sustainable strategies for growth