



ETHICAL COLLABORATION PRINCIPLES

T1International is committed to working in the spirit of collaboration and believes that we are often stronger when we work together. We understand that collaboration can look like lots of different things, including mutual amplification on social media, holding an action together, working together on a campaign, and much much more.

We use the inclusive term of collaborators to reflect individuals and organisations with whom we work on a wide range of scales and frameworks. We expect collaborators to understand our [equity commitments](#), align with T1International's [values](#), and to be clear about the expectations that go with those values.

Patient-led

- Patient engagement is often well-intentioned but misguided. When it comes to lived experience, there is no greater expertise than patient expertise. See our [Ethical Patient Engagement](#) Strategies for how we think about patient engagement.
- We expect collaborators to communicate proactively with the T1International Team about US Chapter and Global Advocacy Network outreach and engagement, including requests for advocates to join sign-on letters, lobbying activities, act as spokespeople or patient storytellers, or other media, outreach, and engagements.

Independent

- As an organisation that prides itself on being free of pharmaceutical funding and influence, we expect collaborators to be transparent about related potential conflicts of interest including:
 - Connections to diabetes-related pharmaceutical or tech companies
 - Significant financial investment in, or receiving financial support or investment from pharmaceutical and/or diabetes-related tech companies
 - Being part of a lawsuit against or with a pharmaceutical company
 - Engagement in electoral political campaigns
 - Being a member of the press
- We expect collaborators to not solicit joint funding opportunities or give funding to US Chapters or advocates within the Global Advocacy Network without T1International's direct engagement.





Inclusive

- T1International welcomes, collaborates with, and aids the efforts of organisations and groups from diverse perspectives and goals. We understand and respect institutional self-interest and that each organisation brings its own structure, values, culture, and history.
- We expect collaborators to bring exposure, resources, and capacity to US Chapters and the Global Advocacy Network.
- We expect collaborators to distribute power and to elevate the voices and perspectives of patients and those who have been historically excluded. This includes co-creating campaigns, actions, and projects with T1I and our advocate community, rather than asking us to add a patient voice at the last minute.
- T1International will not collaborate with organisations, groups, or speakers that engage in bullying, hate-speech, or otherwise harming behaviour.
- We expect collaborators to *not* agree on everything. We expect collaborators to be respectful in disagreements and to resolve conflict through direct conversations. If conflict cannot be solved through direct conversations, we expect collaborators to bring in a third-party conflict mitigation support, such as another organisation's staff. We expect to address all disagreements and conflict away from public platforms.

Bold

- We believe that #insulin4all is a human right.
- When working on a project or campaign together, we expect collaborators to disclose any big campaign escalation or new projects before launch in a shared principle of “no surprises.”
- There may be some cases when T1I is unable to formally take part in a collaborator's action, however so long as the action is aligned with T1I's values and mission, we will aim to amplify the action as we are able by sharing after the event on social media channels.
- We expect collaborators to distribute credit fairly and to work together in a spirit of reciprocity for our common agenda.

Hopeful

- We expect collaborators to work to win real and meaningful change, not just to make a statement, nor to stop at incremental victories.
- We believe that mutually supporting, amplifying, and co-creating will lead to bigger and longer lasting change.

