

Advocacy - Lobbying

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- Advocacy and lobbying has been seen in everyday language same or at least relative to each other.
- Often they are regarded similar way to act.
- They both are fully legal way to ack.

Are there finally any differences ?

What is advocacy ?

- To develop and protect some ones legal or justified benefits or advantages.
- Normally you advocate in a situation where your affairs are under decision making on the table where you are not presented.
- You advocate to upper level.
- Also advocacy mostly concerns "bigger figures" like Pc Patients rights, legislation or something where you should be taken part.

ECPC: "Nothing about us without us"

Who can Advocate?

- Every independent legal body or even individual body can advocate.
- Associational advocating body should have some comprehensive background.
If many Support Groups in same area begins to advocate same affairs that will weaken every ones efforts.
It is very useful to speak with one voice.

How lobbying is aimed at and what we want?

- By lobbying we try to rise up own affairs that we want to promote
- Normally we are lobbying at time one specific idea or affair, that we want to promote. Sometimes we lobby to be commonly noticed, to get funds or even to get a person in specific position.

Is there any problems in practice to advocate and lobby?

- Morally both should be clean.
- In practice some parts uses money and became guilty for bribery, corruption, combine things, even blackmail.
- Sometimes parts expect things in return.
- Sometimes parts make together horse trading
- Lobbying can aimed also to us.

Differences

- Advocating is more demanding
- Lobbying is more asking

- We can advocate for accepted treatment lines but only lobby for experimental treatments.

Patient Organization as a target of lobbying?

- Lobbying can also be a tool to some sides who try to use us for strange purposes for us.
- We must not get locked by our voice or sell our freedom and neutrality by accepting someone's lobbying.
- “Our souls are not for sale”.

***We need skills to
advocate and lobby,
but we must keep
our eyes and ears
open!***

***Canadian brothers'
advocator and lobbyist***

