How to Promote and Sustain Your Research Using the Elevator Speech

Like it or not, even the most dedicated principal investigators struggle to communicate the essence of their work to general audiences. Those facing this challenge need to create their "elevator speech," which is a very short description intended to inform and motivate audiences, as well as help gain proper support to sustain their work.

You have only one chance to make the best first impression. With the bombardment of our media and information overload, it is now more important than ever to create a compelling message that is easily remembered and repeated.

During this insightful webinar, participants will learn how to create effective elevator speeches that can be used with both internal and external audiences. Additionally, must-have strategies for successful and succinct communications —whether at the local Rotary, at a cocktail party or in an actual elevator — will be highlighted.

5 Key Take-Aways:

- Proven methods for developing the elevator speech
- ✓ How to activate the "passion" behind your research that will motivate audiences
- Creating relevant anecdotes for the elevator speech
- ✓ Developing "bullets" that are easily remembered
- Crafting your elevator speech for different audiences

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