## REINS Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO) Working Group

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Response Evaluation In Neurofibromatosis Schwannomatosis INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

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#### **REINS PRO Working Group**

- Patient Representatives
  - Current Member
    - Barbara Franklin
  - New Members
    - Krista Fredrick
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# Patient Reported Outcome

- "...any report of the status of a patient's health condition that comes directly from the patient, without interpretation of the patient's response by a clinician or anyone else."
- One type of clinical outcome assessment (COA) used:
  - Assess patient's *perception* of the severity of a specific symptom or disease.
  - Assess patient's *perception* of the impact of disease or treatment.



# PRO Working Group

- <u>Goal</u>: To identify PRO measures appropriate for assessing clinical benefit in NF trials.
- <u>Context of Use</u>:
  - Treatment trials for tumors: FDA requires a reduction in tumor volume *in conjunction* with demonstrated patient reported clinical benefit.
    - PRO as a co-primary or secondary endpoint.
  - Psychosocial or behavioral interventions for symptoms or quality of life: Studies need to show patient reported clinical benefit.
    - PRO as a primary endpoint.



#### **Core PRO Domains**

- Previous work (2011 2016)
  - 1) Pain
    - Pain intensity
    - Pain interference
  - 2) Physical Functioning
    - Mobility
    - Upper extremity
- 2 PRO group publications summarizing this work (Wolters et al., 2013, 2016)



#### **Core PRO Domains**

- Current work (2016 present)
  - 3) Disease Specific QOL
    - NF1 (e.g., *PedsQL NF1 module*)
    - NF2 (NFTI-QOL and PANQOL)
    - Schwannomatosis
  - 4) General QOL
    - Adults (e.g., FACT-G)
    - Children (e.g., KINDL-R)
    - Children through adults (e.g., *PedsQL generic core*)



### **PRO Subdomains**

#### Current Work (2016 – present)

- 1. Pain assessment in young children
- 2. Communication



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- Background/Purpose
  - Individuals with NF may exhibit communication disorder (CD).
  - PROs give a voice to those with CD (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association [ASHA], 2015).
  - PROs help clinicians/researchers to document treatment outcomes related to communicative functioning.
  - ASHA indicates best practice must include patient perspectives (e.g., evidence maps; ASHA, 2017).



- <u>Objective</u>: To evaluate PROs related to speech, language & hearing.
- <u>Current focus</u>: Evaluate PROs related to hearing.

#### Example PROs:

- Speech, Spatial and Qualities of Hearing Scale
- Client Oriented Scale of Improvement



- Challenges:
  - CD is common in NF.
  - Impairments in speech, language and/or hearing may present barriers to obtaining patient perspective information.
  - Wording of items may be complex.



- Benefits:
  - Useful for treatment trials for NF2.
  - Useful for trials that include patients with facial PNs.
  - Required for speech and language intervention: clinical practice and research.



### Future Work of the PRO Group

- PRO group
  - Complete the reviews and provide recommendations for general QOL scales.
  - Return to reviews of disease-specific QOL measures.
  - Prepare manuscript on QOL recommendations.
- Communication subgroup
  - Continue to review measures related to hearing.
- Young child pain subgroup
  - Work on attaining funding to explore the use of new young child pain measures in NF.



#### **REINS PRO Working Group**

If you are interested in being an active member of the PRO working group: Contact Pam Wolters at woltersp@mail.nih.gov or Ana-Maria Vranceanu avranceanu@mgh.harvard.edu



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