# REINS Patient Reported Outcomes Working Group

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Response Evaluation In Neurofibromatosis Schwannomatosis INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

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# Patient Reported Outcome (PRO)

- "...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 *subjective perception* of the severity of a specific symptom or disease.
  - Assess patient's *subjective perception* of the impact of disease or treatment.



# PRO Working Group

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



• PRO as a primary endpoint

## **Core PRO Domains**

(≥8 years old)

- 1) Pain
  - Pain intensity
  - Pain interference

#### 2) Physical Functioning

- Mobility
- Upper extremity
- 3) Disease Specific QOL
  - NF1
  - NF2
  - Schwannomatosis
- 4) General QoL



Current Work of the PRO Group Core PRO Endpoint Domains (>8 years)

- General QOL
- Subgroups for specialized domains:
  - Pain assessment in young children (< 8 years)</li>
  - Hearing and communication



• Challenges:

-There are hundreds of measures available.

-Difficult to find measures that go from childhood to adulthood.

- Lack of consensus regarding the need for a general health QoL measure for NF.



#### PROS

- Main outcome for psychosocial clinical trials.
  - Goal is improved satisfaction with symptom, ability to function well in spite of symptom (e.g., hearing).
  - Some interventions target
    QoL improvement regardless
    of NF type.
- Allows comparison with other populations.

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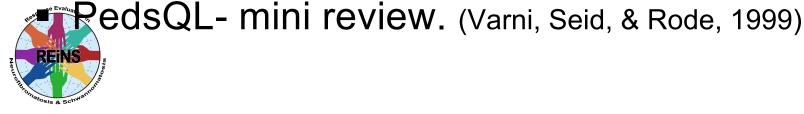
- May not be necessary for drug clinical trials. Use as secondary outcome for drug trials.
  - Goal is specific improvement in a symptom (e.g., hearing) which is better captured by a disease specific or symptom specific scale.
  - Time intensive process/patient burden.



- Methodology for PRO ratings:
- Identify the most widely used general QoL measures.
- Conduct full group review of these main measures.
- Screen other QoL measures via individual mini-reviews.
- Ensure limited overlap between disease
  specific and general QoL measures.



- Current measures reviewed:
- SF-36- full review. (J. E. Ware & Sherbourne, 1992)
- FACT-G- full review. (Cella et al., 1993)
- WHO QoL BREF- full review. (Skevington, Lotfy, & O'Connell, 2004)
- EURO-QOL full review (The EuroQol Group, 1990)
- SF-12- mini review. (J. Ware, Kosinski, & Keller, 1996)
- PROMIS global health mini review. (Hays, Bjorner, Revicki, Spritzer, & Cella, 2009)



Criteria	SF-36	FACT-G	QoL BREF	Euro- QoL	PROMIS	SF-12	PedsQL
Patient Characteristics	2.25	1.75	2	2.67	3	2	2.75
Published Studies	3	2.5	2.25	2.67	2.75	2.5	2.75
Item/Domain Content	2.5	2.25	2	1.96	2.5	2.5	2.5
Scores Available	2.75	3	2.4		2.75	2.5	2.5
Psychometric Data	2.75	2.75	2.5	2.25	3	2.5	2.5
Feasibility	3	3	2.88	2.75	3	2.75	2.5
MEAN (4)	2.63	2.44	2.35	2.46	2.88	2.44	2.63



#### Pain Assessment in Young Children Subgroup

- Taryn Allen, Andrea Baldwin, & Pam Wolters
- Objective: To identify PROs to assess pain in young children < 8 years</li>
- Considerable limitations to existing tools
  - Many measures are too complex, poor psychometric properties or incomplete psychometric data for this age range
  - Many measures are better indicated for *acute* rather than *chronic* pain



#### Pain Assessment in Young Children

 Consulted with experts in young child pain assessment (outside NF1) and identified two measures to further assess:

– The Preschool Pain Scale (PSPS)

- The Simplified Concrete Ordinal Scale (COS-S)

 Potential funding to validate these measures through existing NCI NTAP-PAIN PRO study New members welcomed – email taryn.allen@nih.gov



### Hearing and Communication Subgroup

- Heather Thompson, Vanessa Merker & Amanda Bergner
- Objective: To evaluate PROs related to speech, language & hearing
- Current focus: evaluate PROs related to hearing



## Hearing and Communication Subgroup

The following are examples of PROs to evaluate:

- Speech, Spatial and Qualities of Hearing Scale
- Tinnitus Reaction Questionnaire
- Facial Clinimetric Evaluation Scale
- Voice Handicap Index

New members welcomed – email heather.thompson@csus.edu



## **Future Directions**

- Continue review the general QOL scales and make recommendations.
- Finish review of disease-specific QOL scale and make recommendations
- Continue subgroups work for specialized domains.
- Update REINS website with recommended tools and methodologies
- Develop and use electronic measures



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