

CMSS Presents:

Prioritizing Patient Engagement and Inclusion of Patient-Generated Covid-19 Data

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Advancing Clinical Registries to Support Pandemic Treatment and Response



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The series will address key questions related to the rapid development, deployment and implementation of Covid-19 focused clinical registries and clinical repositories by specialty societies and academia.

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About the Series:

- Made possible with funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- To foster collaboration between specialty societies and academia, we are grateful to collaborate with the Association of Academic Medical Colleges

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Today's Webinar:

Prioritizing Patient
Engagement and Inclusion
of Patient-Generated
Covid-19 Data

Moderator:



Susannah Fox

Principal, Internet Geologist LLC;
Former Chief Technology Officer,
US Department of Health and
Human Services

Host:



Helen Burstin, MD, MPH, MACP

Chief Executive Officer
Council of Medical Specialty
Societies (CMSS)

Panelists:



Gina Assaf

Independent digital design
consultant, Leading the Patient-
Led Research Group within Body
Politic



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Researcher with the Patient-Led
Research Group within
Body Politic



Emily Sirotych

COVID-19 Global Rheumatology
Alliance; Canadian Arthritis Patient
Alliance; Department of Health
Research Methods, Evidence, and
Impact, McMaster University



Gary Wolf

Co-Founder, Quantified Self



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#COVIDregistries | @susannahfox



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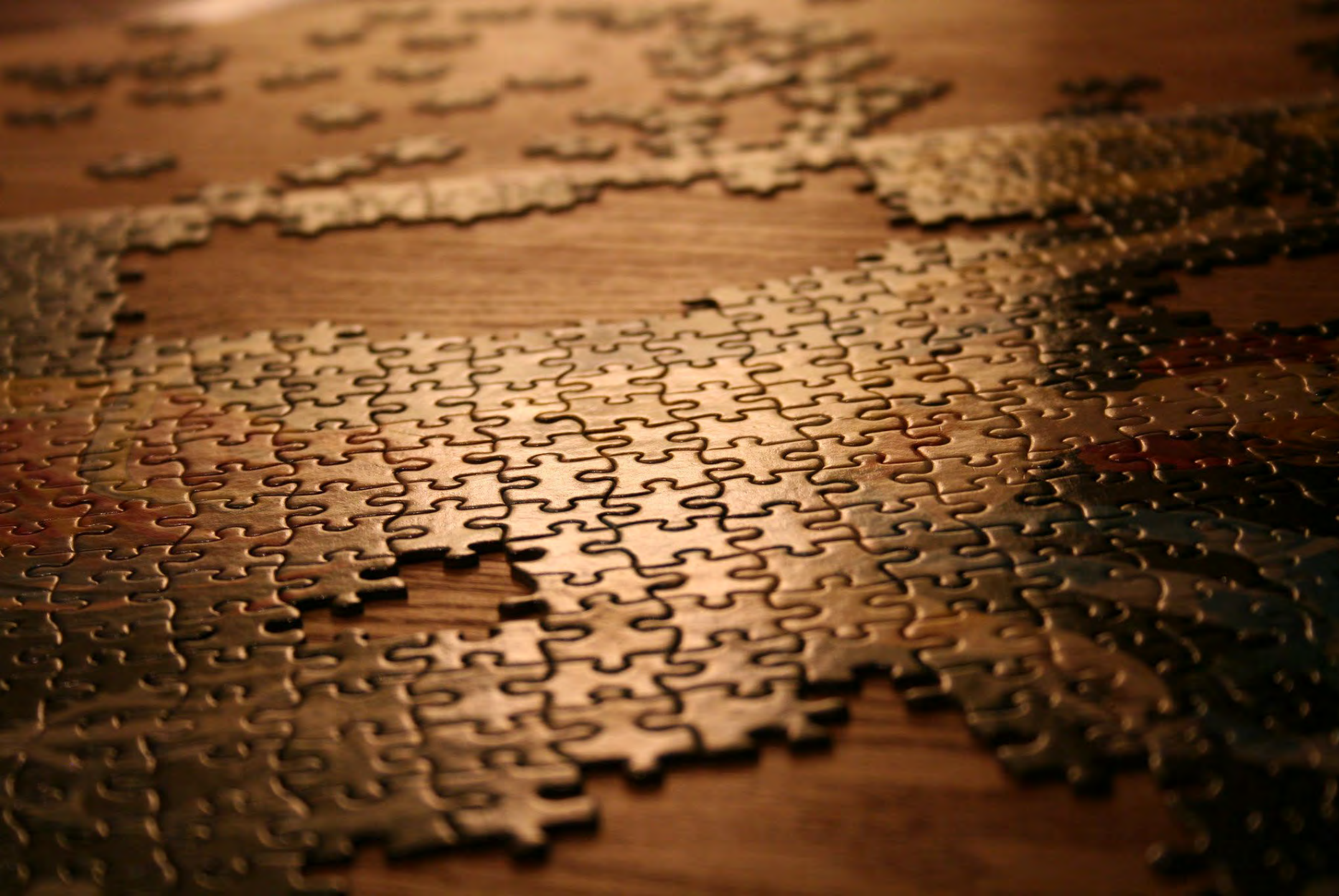


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The Atlantic



The Coronavirus Is Never Going Away

No matter what happens now, the virus will continue to circulate around the world.

SARAH ZHANG **AUGUST 4, 2020**

The internet gives us access not only to information, data, and tools, **but also to each other.**

How might we leverage peer-to-peer connections for pandemic response?

“I was the science.”

— Heather Hogan, who lives with LongCovid,
writing about her odyssey

<https://www.autostraddle.com/the-soft-butch-that-couldnt-or-i-got-covid-19-in-march-and-never-got-better/>

Self Registration

A person-centered approach to recording symptoms, observations, and outcomes.



Everybody has questions...

wait are these really side effects?

When does my pain flare?

Why am I breaking out?

Why am I still sick?

How well am I recovering?

Where am I most tempted to smoke?

What triggers this arrhythmia? What can I safely eat?

What lowers my blood sugar?

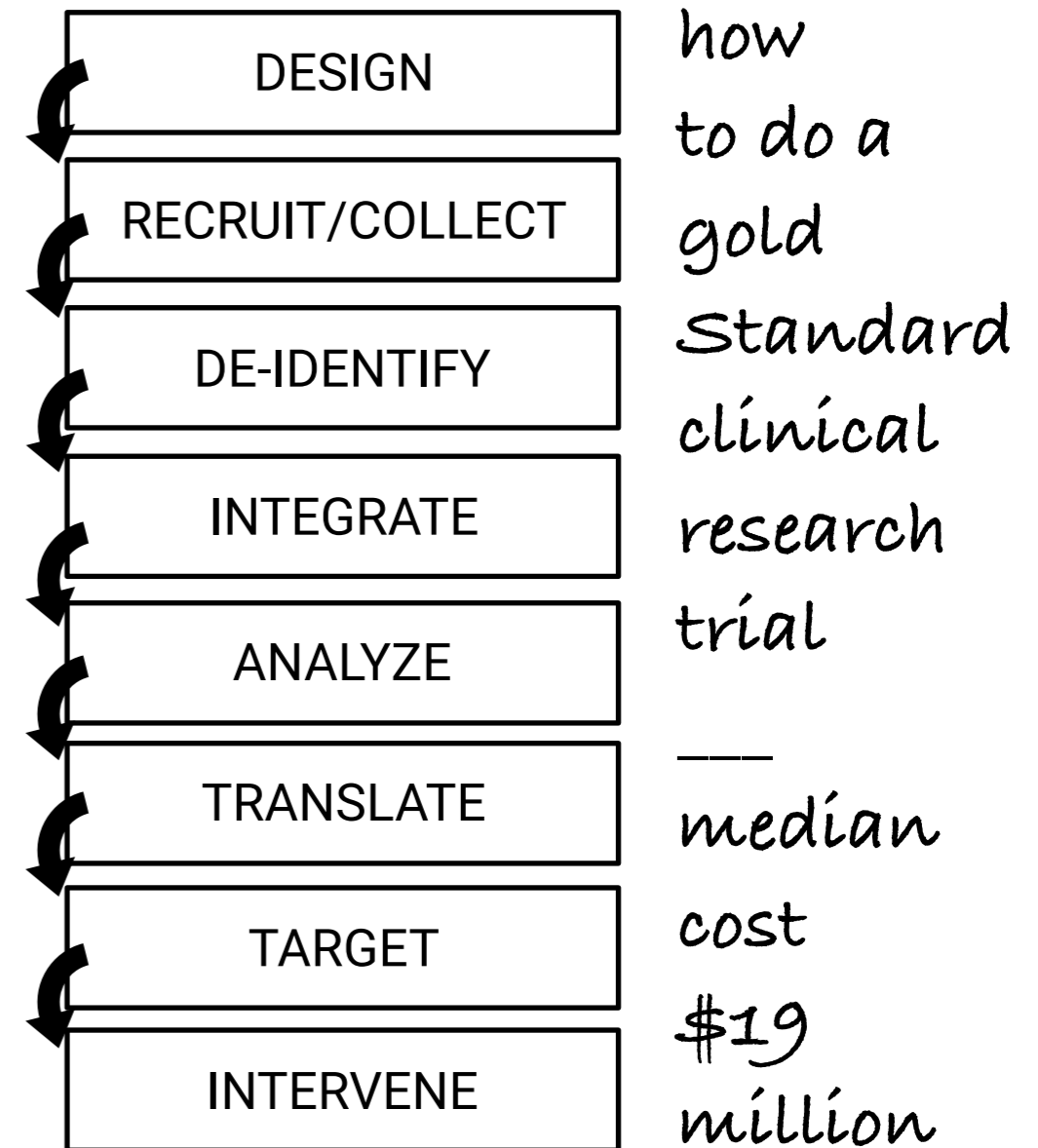
Does sleep affect my tremor?



...traditional research can't answer.

Randomized Group Trials

- Powerful, expensive, slow
- High confidence about average effects.
- Outputs are products and standards of care



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But what is true for me?

Does sleep affect my tremor? *wait are these really side effects?*

When does my pain flare?

Why am I breaking out?

Did it work last time?

How well am I recovering?

What triggers this arrhythmia?

Where am I most tempted to smoke?

What can I safely eat?

How are my feet doing?

What lowers my blood sugar?



Quantified Self

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Background

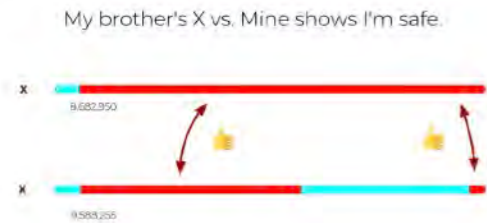
History: The Quantified Self is a community of users and makers of self-tracking tools. First meeting in 2008. Spread to over 100 self-organized groups in over 30 countries.

Organizational function: Research, convening, funding, communication, advocacy, and technical development.

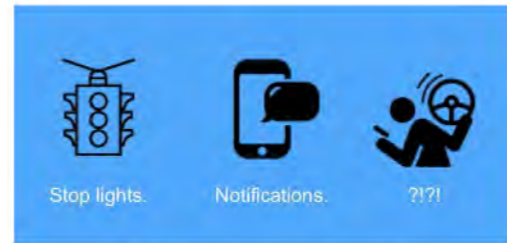
Activities: 11 international conferences, tool development, policy engagement, research innovation, and librarianship/archiving.



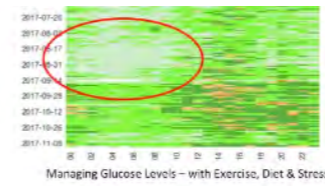
The First 1000 Discoveries



A SELF-STUDY OF MY CHILD'S GENETIC RISK
Mad Ball

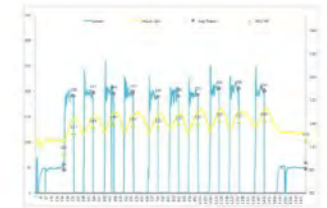


THE DATA IS IN, I'M A DISTRACTED DRIVER
Robert Macdonell



TRACKING GLUCOSE AS A PERSON WITHOUT DIABETES
Justin Lawler

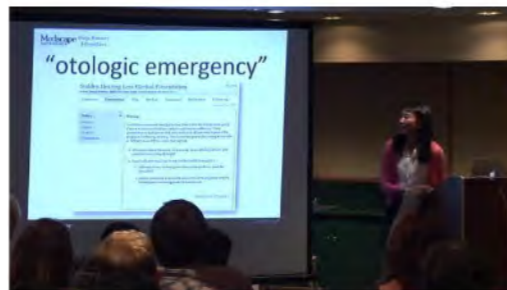
Switched to Chest HR Strap



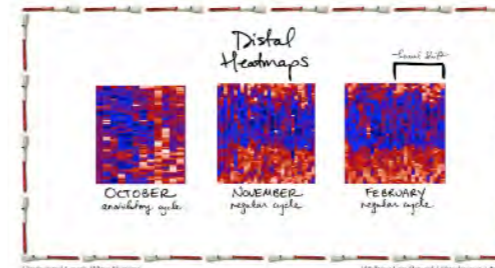
IMPROVING MY BLOOD PRESSURE WITH ANAEROBIC INTERVAL TRAINING
Siva Raj



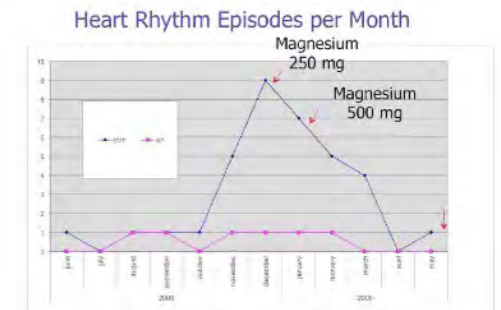
MY HEADACHES FROM TRACKING HEADACHES
Jakob Eg Larsen



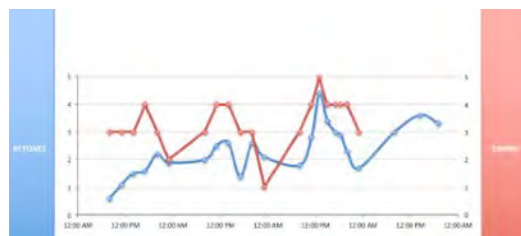
TRACKING MY HEARING LOSS
Lindsay Meyer



CHOLESTEROL LEVELS WHILE NURSING
Whitney Erin Boesel



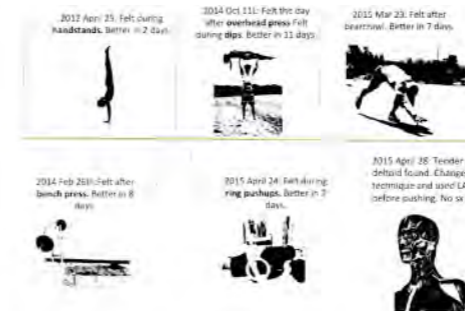
WHAT CAUSES MY HEART RHYTHM DISORDER?
Mark Drangsholt



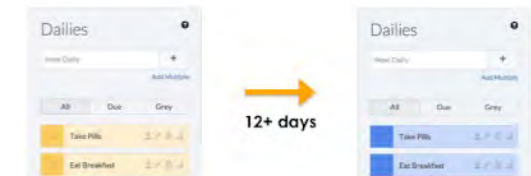
BLOOD KETONES DURING REGULAR FASTING
Mark Moschel



WHICH GRASSES AGGRAVATE MY ALLERGIES?
Thomas Blomseth Christiansen



USING SELF-TRACKING TO HACK MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN
Bryan Ausinheiler



BUILDING MYSELF BACK UP
Maggie Delano



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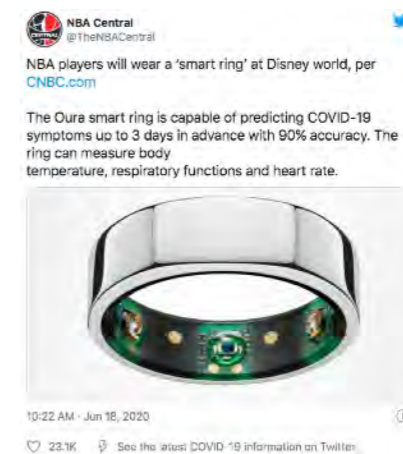
Personal Science

Personal science is the practice of using empirical methods to explore personal questions.

33% of U.S. adults track health indicators like blood pressure, blood sugar, headaches, or sleep patterns. (Pew Research 2013)

30 million Apple Watches and 19 million Fitbit devices were sold in 2019. (San Jose Mercury News, Feb 6, 2020)

Duke, Scripps, UCSF, and Stanford currently using wearables data to provide "early warning" of COVID-19 detection.



Wolf, Gary Isaac, and Martijn De Groot. "A Conceptual Framework for Personal Science." *Frontiers in Computer Science*, vol. 2, June 2020, p. 21

Heyen, Nils B. "From Self-Tracking to Self-Expertise: The Production of Self-Related Knowledge by Doing Personal Science." *Public Understanding of Science*, vol. 29, no. 2, 2020, pp. 124–38



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We live in the era of participation



...but a clash of approaches stands between biomedicine and the potential for discovery in today's everyday tools.



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Self-Registration

Patient Registry

- uniform data
- outcome focused
- particular disease
- predetermined scientific purposes

Self Registry

- accepts all data
- observation focused
- everyday living
- flexible self-directed purposes





Patient-Led Research for COVID-19

Gina Assaf and Hannah Davis
patientresearchcovid19.com




Who We Are

- ▶ **Gina Assaf** (COVID-19 on March 19), Washington, D.C.
 - ▶ Design & Research Consultant for Technology for Social Impact
- ▶ **Hannah Davis** (COVID-19 on March 25), NYC
 - ▶ Research artist
 - ▶ Background in data analysis, machine learning

*Working with several other members of the **Patient-Led Research** team in **Body Politic support group** -> **Community Driven process***

Our story and motivation

- ▶ Born out of **Body Politic (Slack)**
- ▶ **Support Group**
- ▶ Started research-group April 18th
- ▶ **All patients/long haulers!**
- ▶ **Multidisciplinary team:** All with directly applicable skills (research, analysis, data, health, policy)

Body Politic ▾
 ● Gina A. 

fran ↑ More unread

gastrointestinal

media-ops

medical-advocacy

🔒 medical-professionals

mental-health

muscular

need-to-vent

neurological

nyc

over-age-40

over30-days

over90-days

parents-and-children

polls-and-surveys

positivity

🔒 product-design-exploration

random-and-humor

recovery

relapse


reproductive


🔒 **research-group**

resources-and-tips

respiratory

research-group ☆
 👤 24 | 🔔 7 | Add a topic

I hope to get back to you very soon on your applicatio
 4 replies Last reply 4 days ago

Athena 9:39 AM
 So, are we seeking assent from the children?
 6 replies Last reply 4 days ago

Hannah Davis, admin 12:48 AM
 I like this way of asking symptom length, maybe?

4 files ▾

% of Normal Self 6 Wk Span

Week	% of Normal Self
Wk 11-16	44%
Wk 17-22	61%

% of Former Self by week cluster

Week	% of Former Self
Wk 11-13	46%
Wk 14-16	41%
Wk 17-19	57%

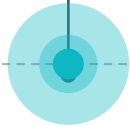
120+ More or Less than 50% of former Self

Category	%
% of people <50%	33%
% of people >50%	67%

Message research-group

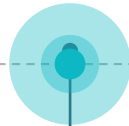
First Survey: we were fast!

Created
Survey



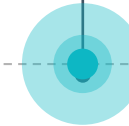
April 18th

May 2nd



Collected 640
Responses

Analysis
and
Published
Report

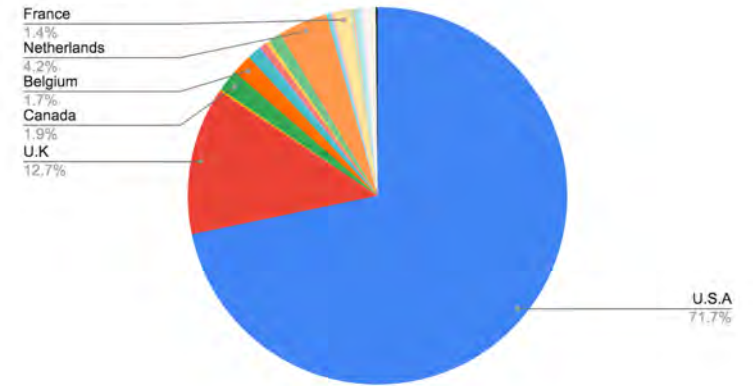


May 11th

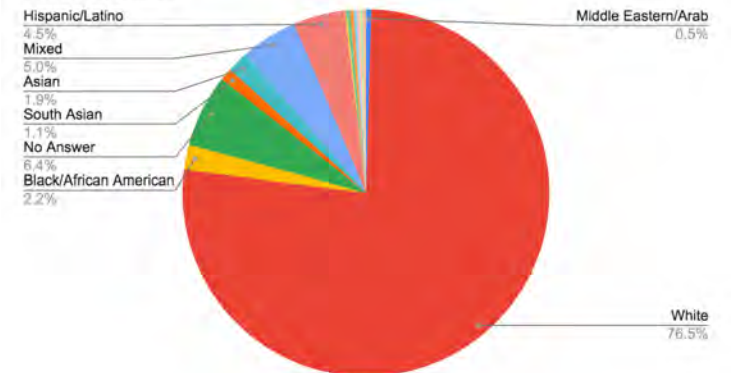
First Survey: respondents

- ▶ **The ages of the respondents are varied**, with the majority of respondents between the ages of 30 and 49 (62.7%).
- ▶ **Most respondents are from the U.S.** 71.% (NY specifically) followed by the U.K., Netherlands, Canada , Belgium and France
- ▶ Majority of respondents are **white** 76.5% and identified as **cisgender female** 76.6%

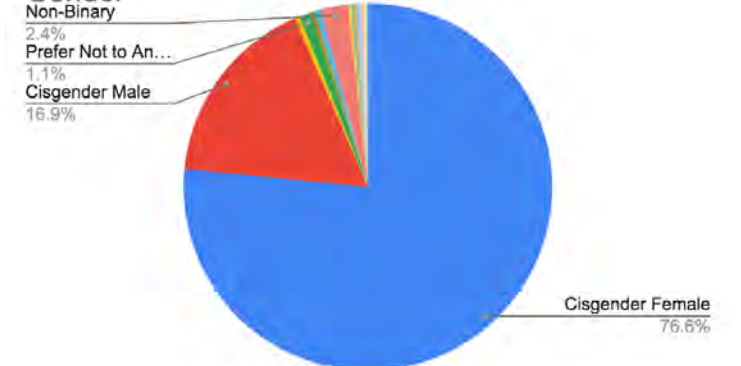
Countries



Ethnicity/Race



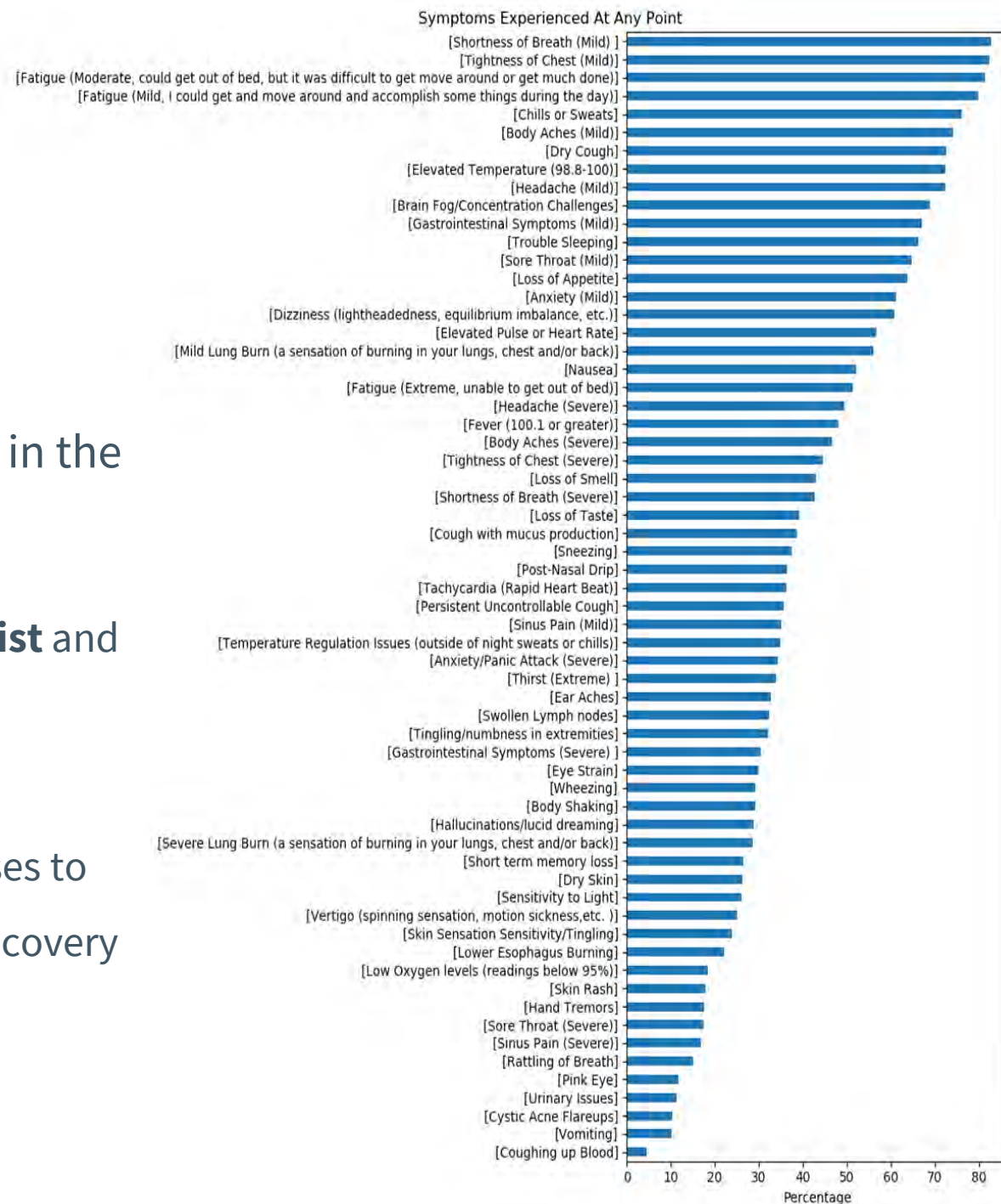
Gender



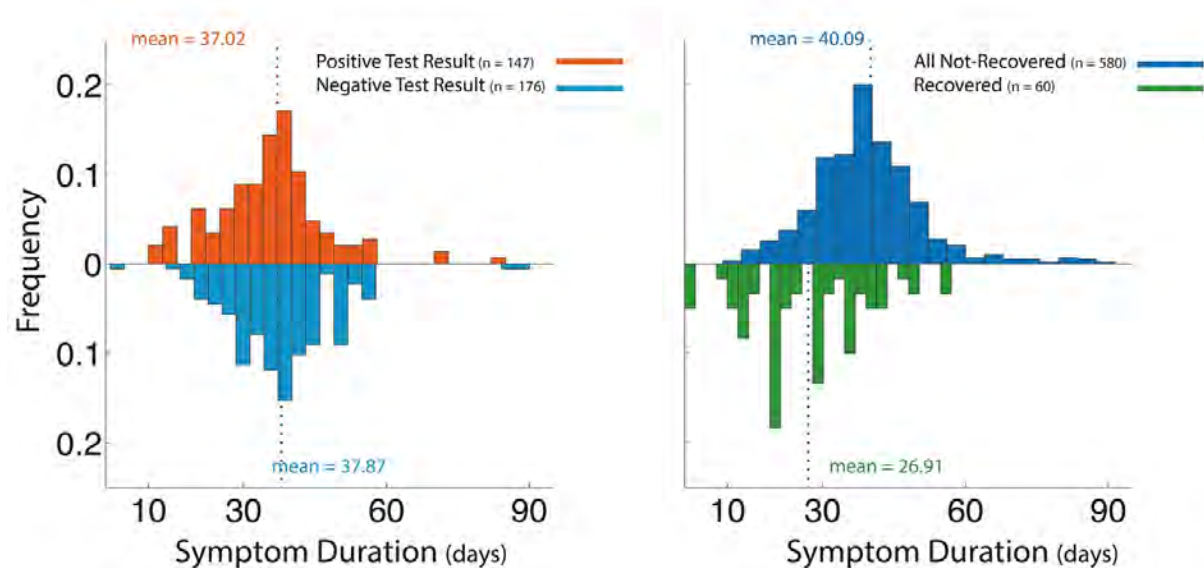
First Survey: what we learned

Captured common phenomena discussed in the support group(s)

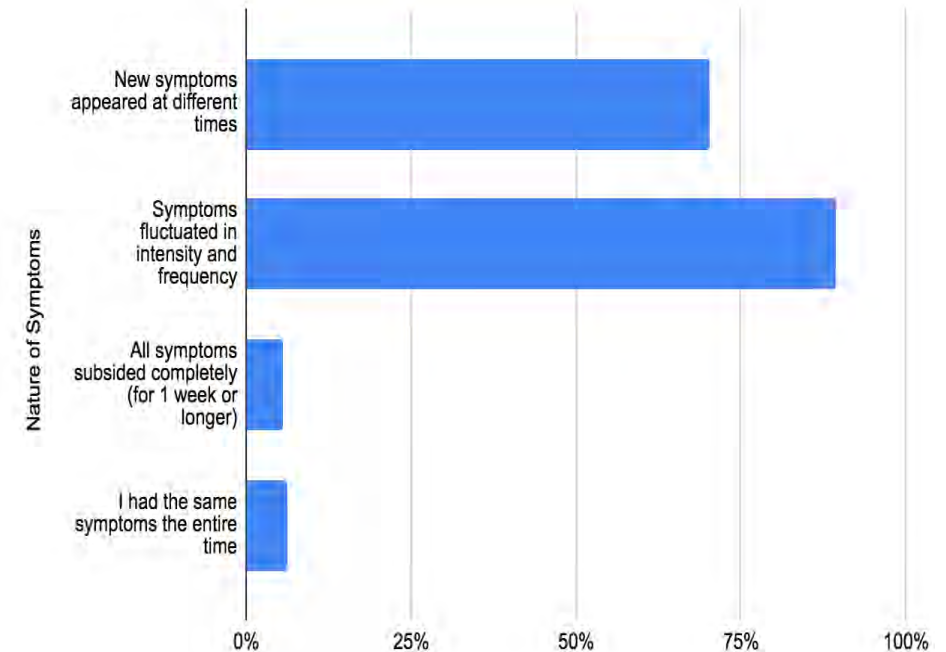
- ▶ **Many symptoms** reported **outside of the CDC list** and medical community awareness including many **neurological symptoms**
- ▶ Lack of Medical & public health groups' responses to these patients with prolonged symptoms and recovery



First Survey: what we learned, continued



Symptomatic people who tested negative **had the same symptom frequency** as people who tested positive, **but tested later on average**



Relapses and new symptoms are common

First Survey: for other insights read
full report

What Does COVID-19 Recovery Actually Look Like?
**An Analysis of the Prolonged COVID-19 Symptoms Survey by
Patient-Led Research Team**

*Generated from survey data organized by decentralized team of COVID-19 patients,
exported on May 2, 2020 (640 Responses)*

Report Released: May 11th, 2020 by
<https://patientresearchcovid19.com>

*Report created and written by volunteers from the COVID-19 Body Politic Slack Group
including: [Gina Assaf](#), [Hannah Davis](#), [Lisa McCorkell](#), [Hannah Wei.](#), O'Neil Brooke, [Athena
Akrami](#), Ryan Low, [Jared Mercier](#), and Adetutu A.*

*Survey Authors and Contributors Include: [Gina Assaf.](#), [Tina L.](#), Annie C., Monica S., [Jared
Mercier](#), [Lauren N.](#), Noel H., [JD Davids](#), and Susie.*

First Survey: response

- ▶ **Appreciation** messages from many **other patients**
- ▶ Connection with the ME/CFS groups
- ▶ **Press/general** awareness of Long Covid
- ▶ **Cited in medical/health journals:** British Medical Journal 3x and Fatigue journal
- ▶ **CDC** circulated our report internally & requested a meeting



COVID-19 Can Last for Several Months

The disease's "long-haulers" have endured relentless waves of debilitating symptoms—and disbelief from doctors and friends.

theatlantic.com

the**bmj**

covid-19

Research ▾

Education ▾

News & Views ▾

Practice » Practice Pointer

Management of post-acute covid-19 in primary care

BMJ 2020 ; 370 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.m3026> (Published 11 August 2020)

Cite this as: *BMJ* 2020;370:m3026

First Survey: what citations look like

- ▶ **Cited in medical/health journals:** British Medical Journal 3x and Fatigue journal

Fatigue:

46. Body Politic COVID-19 Support Group . What does COVID-19 recovery look like? An analysis of the prolonged COVID-19 symptoms survey by patient-led research team. 2020 [cited 2020 May 30]. Body Politic [Internet]. Available from:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EPU9DAc6HhVUrdvjWuSRVmAkEiOagyUV/view> . [Google Scholar]

British Medical Journal:

04. ↵ Assaf G, Davis H, McCorkell L, et al. An analysis of the prolonged COVID-19 symptoms survey by Patient-Led Research Team. Patient Led Research, 2020. <https://patientresearchcovid19.com/>.

Second Survey (in progress)

Comprehensive IRB approved Survey with focus on topics Important to Long Hauler Patients:

1. Antibody testing
2. Neurological symptoms
3. Mental health
4. Symptoms over a longer time period
5. Diagnostics

*For wider reach will be **translating** and **recruiting participants** both internal /external to Body Politic Support group*

Questions and Tradeoffs

- ▶ Value of IRB/Formal Publication/ Is it worth it?
- ▶ Do we prioritize speed/getting information out there quickly or formal publishing processes?
- ▶ Which researchers do we partner with? What do partnerships look like? What is the benefit?

Lessons from doing this type of research

Benefits

- ▶ Patient-led research lets us ask the right questions earlier/better understanding of the illness
- ▶ Multidisciplinary effort
- ▶ Get answers earlier
- ▶ Motivation is not ego/profit, it's our own health

Challenges


- ▶ Energy levels → We are all sick
- ▶ Funding/organizational/governance structure
- ▶ Methodological challenges
- ▶ Outside of the “normal” research system

Thank you!

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Methods, Relevance and Lessons from the COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance Patient Experience Survey

Emily Sirotich, PhD Student

Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact; McMaster University

Patient Engagement Lead; COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance

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Disclosures

ES is a Board Member of the Canadian Arthritis Patient Alliance and COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance, whose activities are largely supported by independent grants from pharmaceutical companies.

Objectives

Partnership with patients improves design of clinical registries

Research driven by key partners and data providers amplifies reach of clinical research

Patient-reported outcomes are reliable and valuable indicators of health, particularly in the investigation of complex and novel diseases

COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance

Our Mission:

- To collect, analyze and disseminate information about COVID-19 and rheumatology to patients, physicians and other relevant groups to improve the care of patients with rheumatic disease.

Activities:

1. Physician-reported registry of people with rheumatic disease and COVID-19 infections;
2. Patient Experience Survey to collect data about the patient experience during the COVID-19 pandemic;
3. Evidence synthesis; and
4. Dissemination of information to patients and health professionals.

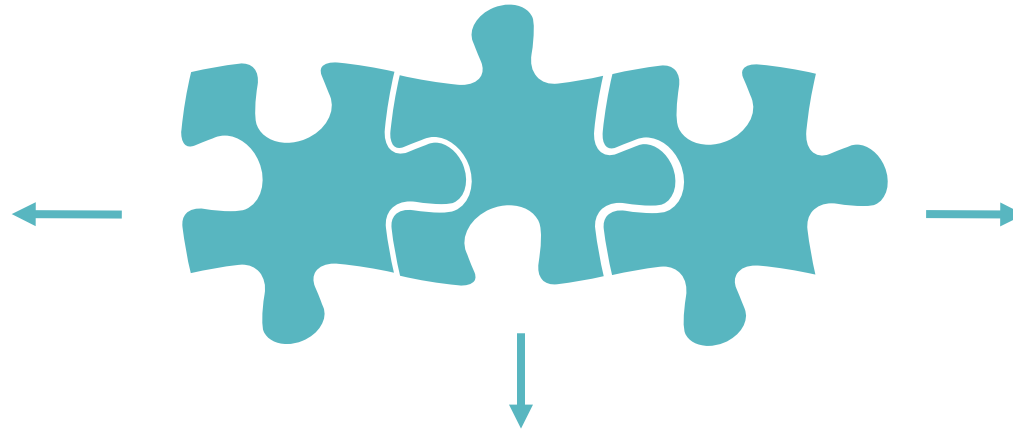


COVID-19
Global Rheumatology Alliance

The Global Rheumatology Community's Response
to the Worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic

Limitations of a Physician Registry

**Patient-reported
outcomes not
sufficiently
captured**



**Physician registry
does not include
data from patients
with mild
symptoms who do
not seek medical
care**

**Physician registry does
not capture behavioral
changes of patients
regardless of infection
status**

COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance Patient Experience Survey

This international, anonymous, patient-facing survey is intended for adults and parents of children with rheumatic diseases, whether or not they have contracted COVID-19

Current Respondents of Patient Survey = 13,110

- Includes 787 with COVID-19 diagnosis
- Over 100 countries are represented
- Survey translated into 9 languages

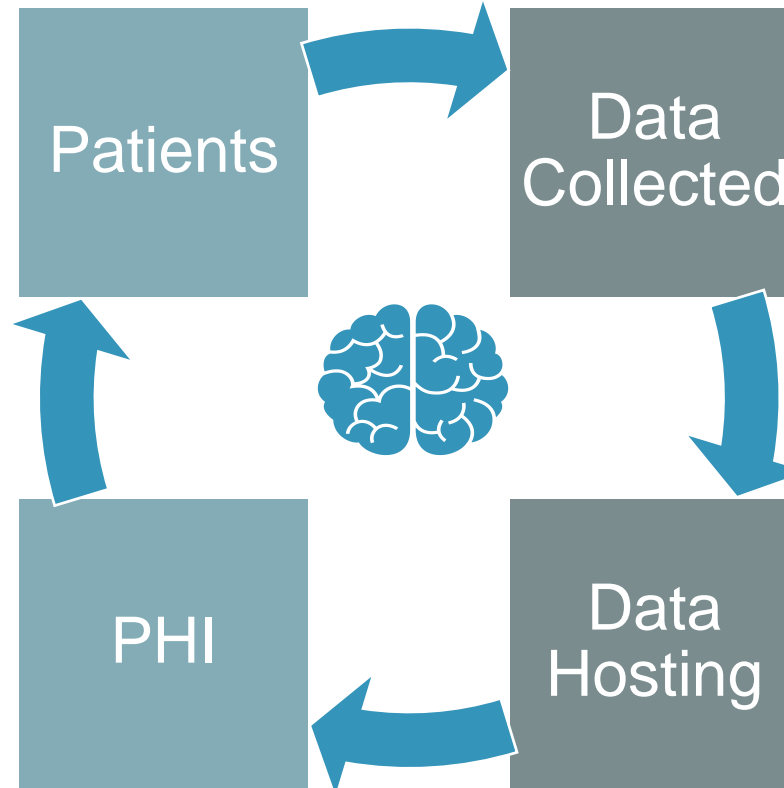
Research Design and Methods

Patients

Patients with rheumatic and autoimmune conditions with or without COVID-19 infection are invited to participate

Patient Health Information

PHI such as patient names or date of birth will not be collected



Data Collected

Collect clinically relevant data and patient-important outcomes

Data Hosting

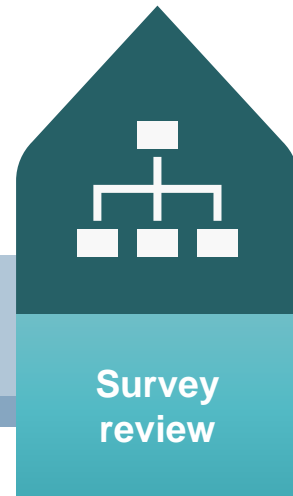
De-identified patient data will be entered into a web-based survey developed and hosted by Boston Children's Hospital

Rapid Engagement with Patients, Patient Organizations, and Rheumatologists

Patients involved in generating research questions, study design, measuring instruments, etc.



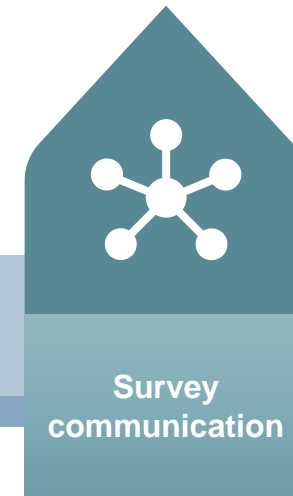
Survey sent to physicians, patients, and patient groups for further review and translated into 9 languages



Survey deemed exempt as it was to be anonymous and excluded PHI



Survey dissemination led by patients and patient organizations supplied with social media kits



Data Elements Captured



PATIENT BEHAVIOUR



EMPLOYMENT



**DECISION TO CONTINUE
IMMUNOSUPPRESSION**



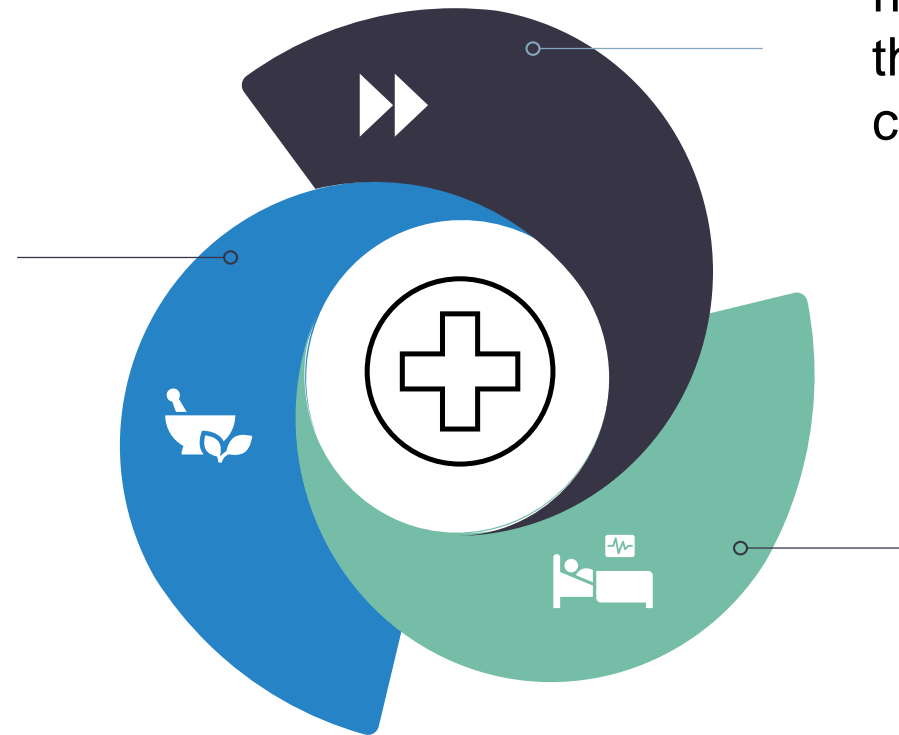
**ABILITY FOR PATIENTS TO
CONNECT WITH THEIR
RHEUMATOLOGISTS**



**PATIENT-REPORTED
OUTCOME MEASUREMENT
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
(PROMIS) MEASURES**

Advantages of Patient-Integrated Registries

Informing the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 and understanding the impact of the pandemic on all patients



Rapid mobilization of the rheumatology community through web-based communication

Questions were developed by patients and addressed the knowledge gaps that were prioritized by patients

Meet the COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance (GRA) Patient Board

To further support the mission of the GRA, this patient board was established with a vision to represent a culturally and regionally diverse patient voice and expand the reach and visibility of the GRA's work to the broader patient and caregiver community. This group serves to amplify the patient's perspective by sharing ideas, initiatives, and feedback with the GRA Steering Committee.

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Lessons from the Patient Experience Survey

- Partnership with patients improves design of clinical registries
 - Relevant patient outcomes were collected
- Research driven by key partners and data providers amplifies reach of clinical research
 - 11,000 responses in 1 month
 - 9 languages and 100 countries
- Patient-reported outcomes are reliable and valuable indicators of health, particularly in the investigation of complex and novel diseases
 - Rapid mobilization of the patient community

Thank you!

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Questions & Answers

Please submit all questions through the question box.



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Summary & Evaluation

- Thank you to all our panelists.
- A recording of the webinar will be available on the CMSS website in the coming weeks.
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- For more information, contact info@cmss.org.



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Upcoming Webinar:

Using Clinical Registries to
Address Disparities in Covid-19

September 1

2:30 - 4:00 pm ET

Panelists:



**Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo,
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Professor and Chair, Department of
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Medicine; Vice Dean of Population
Health and Health Equity, School of
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Bill Wood, MD, MPH

Chair, Data Hub Oversight Group, ASH
Research Collaborative; Associate
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Hematology, University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill

Moderator:



Helen Burstin, MD, MPH, MACP
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Eliseo Perez-Stable, MD

Director of the National Institute on
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**Clyde Yancy, MD, MSc, MACC,
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