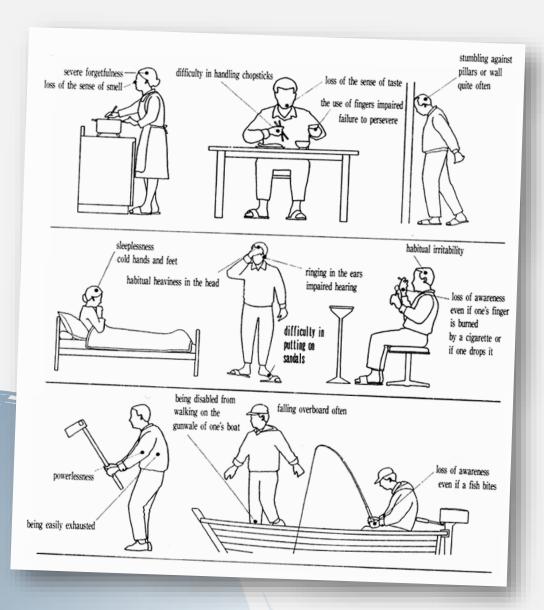


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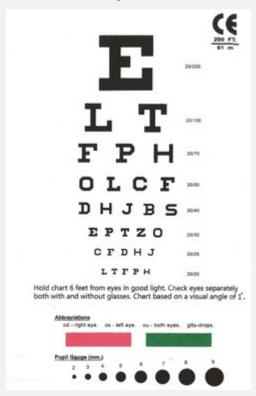
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## Same disease, different people, different manifestations

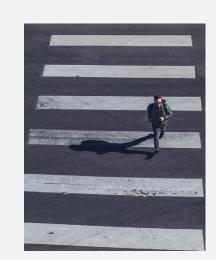


### As a person, what are your main goals when changing treatment?

### As per clinical trial endpoint?







#### Or goals you assign to yourself?







# Efficacy: asking patients to feedback on what matters to them Individualised Efficacy Assessment: a patient-centred approach



Diseases where the product can improve many different functions/symptoms in different patients

Renal function, cognitive function, muscular function, motor skills...



Mixed-methods research can help identifying the most relevant outcomes



When there are many different outcomes:

Ask each patient to select the 3 that matter the most to him/her prior to entering the trial / starting treatment

Monitor how these 3 outcomes evolves

Analyse how many patients had 3, 2, 1 or 0 outcomes improved on treatment



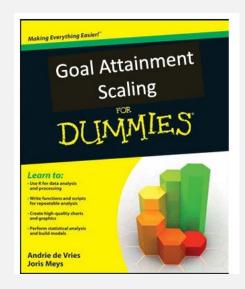
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Advances in Small Trials dEsign for Regulatory Innovation and eXcellence

Latest news

EFSPI/BBS meeting on Small Populations - 27 June 2018, Basel

### Research on Goal Attainment Scaling (GAS)



you?
3. Intervention

Imagine 3 boys with Duchenne disease:



'I want to be able to walk'



'I want to be able to eat independently'

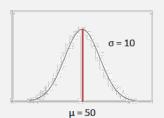


'I want to breathe independently'

Six minute walk test Goal Attainment Scaling

$$T = 50 + \frac{10 \sum w_i x_i}{\sqrt{(1-\rho)\sum w_i^2 + \rho(\sum w_i)^2}}$$

- T = GAS score
- $x_i$  = Original score
- $w_i$  = Weight given to the original score
  - = Intercorrelation among goal scores (estimated at 0.3)



Urach S, Gaasterland C, Posch M, et al. Statistical analysis of Goal Attainment Scaling endpoints in randomised trials. Statistical Methods in Medical Research. 2019;28(6):1893-1910.

- -2 Adam is unable to walk
- -1 Adam can take 3 steps
- O Adam can walk for 5 minutes
- 1 Adam can walk for 15 minutes
- Adam can walk longer distances



- Chris is unable to breathe independently
- -1 Chris can breathe for 10 minutes
- O Chris can breathe for one hour
- 1 Chris can breathe for two hours
- 2 Chris can breathe for at least three hours



Dr. X





1. What are your goals, defined in 5

2. Which goals are most important to

4. Have you attained your goals?

levels of attainment?



#### **Goal Attainment Scaling**

#### Systematic Review











A systematic review of GAS as an outcome measure in drug trials

> ISCB Conference Utrecht Charlotte Gaasterland August 2015

### Drug trials

- Botulinum Toxin (Botox) used in patients with Cerebral Palsy
- Donepezil hydrochloride in Alzheimer Disease patients

Is GAS useful in drug trials?



- Is GAS used in drug trials? YES
- Has GAS been validated in drug trials? HARDLY
- Has GAS been validated in other studies? YES, BUT GENERALLY WITH LOW QUALITY

Gaasterland et al. BMC Medical Research Methodology (2016) 16:99

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A systematic review to investigate the measurement properties of goal attainment scaling, towards use in drug trials

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https://www.asterixfp7.eu/media/uploads/file/C38 04 GoalAttainmentScaling.pdf

## Possible next steps? Could EMA pioneer its use?

A new priority for an IHI call to come?

1

- Apply GAS in phase III trials to gain more experience
- Investigate its properties in the trials

2

 Submit to EMA for endorsement / qualification as a Patient Reported Outcome Measure in selected trials

# Maybe first

- To organise a scientific workshop
- At the EMA, and with HTA experts
  - With clinicians experienced in testing GAS (Kit Roes, Charlotte Gaasterland, Martin Posch...)
  - 58 articles published at the time of the Asterix Project (2016)
  - 27 more since
  - A young innovative approach!
- To discuss State-of-the-Art and research needed to adopt such an endpoint

