

# Patient-Reported Outcomes in Oncology Trials

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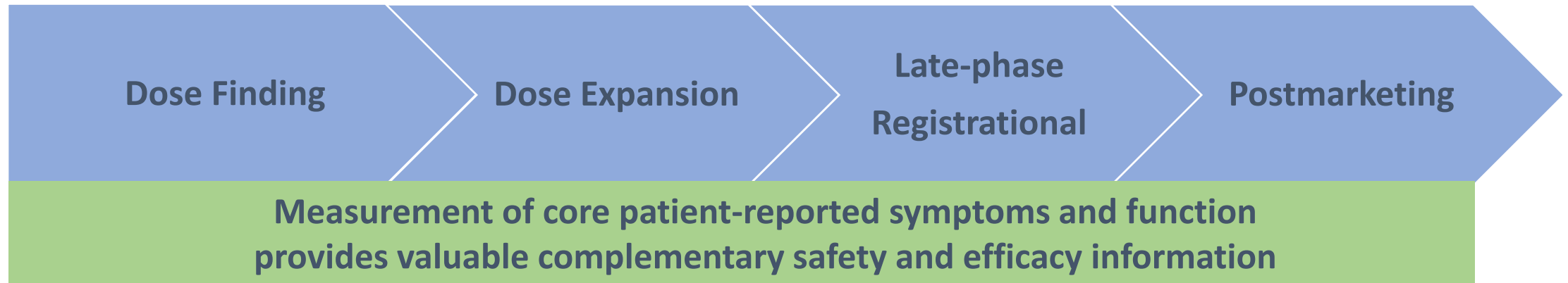


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# Inclusion of Patient-Reported Outcomes During Oncology Product Development



# FDA's Patient-Focused Drug Development Initiative



- Patients are uniquely positioned to inform understanding of the therapeutic context for drug development and evaluation
  - There is a need for more systematic ways of gathering patient perspective on their condition and treatment options
- Patient-Focused Drug Development (PFDD) is part of FDA commitments under PDUFA V and VI\*
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures includes important language about PFDD

# Core PRO Outcomes

Overall Survival  
Progression Free Survival  
Overall Response Rate  
Serum Biomarkers

CTCAE Safety Data  
Dose Modifications

Hospitalizations  
ED Visits  
Morbid Procedures  
Supportive Care Use

Disease  
Symptoms

Symptomatic  
Adverse  
Events

Overall Side  
Effect Impact

Physical  
Function:  
  
Ability to  
Carry Out  
Activities  
that Require  
Physical  
Effort

Role  
Function:  
  
Ability to  
Work and  
Perform  
Leisure  
Activities



Clinician Reported and Biomarker Data



Patient Generated Data

# Example Assessment Frequency

	Early treatment period												Continued Tx	
	BL	w2	w3	w4	w5	w6	w7	w8	M3	M4	M5	M6	M9	M12*
Symptomatic AE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Single Item Side Effect Global	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Physical Function	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Role Function	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Disease Symptoms	X				X				X			X		X
Other HRQOL	X								X			X		X

\*Assessments at further timepoints would be context dependent

Additional relevant items outside of the Core Outcomes may be necessary depending on context

# What is the PRO Trial Objective?

- **What is your PRO Trial Objective?**
  - Describe the patient experience on treatment?
  - Inform Safety / Tolerability?
  - Inform Efficacy?
  
- **What is your U.S. regulatory goal for the PRO data?**
  - Supportive data for overall benefit:risk assessment?
  - Descriptive patient experience data in product label?
  - Make a claim of treatment benefit in product label?
    - Substantial evidence of efficacy or improved safety



# Using PROs for Safety/Tolerability

## 2013 Crizotinib Visual Symptoms- VSAQ-ALK

“The majority of patients on the XALKORI arm in Study 1 (> 50%) reported visual disturbances; these visual disturbances occurred at a frequency of 4-7 days each week, lasted up to 1 minute, and had mild or no impact (scores 0 to 3 out of a maximum score of 10) on daily activities as captured in a patient questionnaire.”



# PRO-CTCAE is not CTCAE



## CTCAE

### Grade 1 Diarrhea

Increase of  
<4 stools  
per day  
over baseline

### Grade 2 Diarrhea

Increase of 4-6  
stools per day over  
baseline; IV fluids  
indicated <24hrs

### Grade 3 Diarrhea

Increase of  $\geq 7$   
stools per day  
over baseline;  
incontinence; IV  
fluids  $\geq 24$  hrs;  
hospitalization

### Grade 4 Diarrhea

Life-threatening  
consequences (e.g.,  
hemodynamic  
collapse)

### Grade 5 Diarrhea

Death



## PRO-CTCAE

In the last 7 days, how OFTEN did you have LOOSE OR WATERY STOOLS (diarrhea)?

Never

Rarely

Occasionally

Frequently

Almost constantly

# Individual Toxicity versus Overall Side Effect Measure

- Drugs cause many symptomatic side effects (e.g., rash, diarrhea, neuropathy)
- How an individual “weighs” one over the other can differ
- Could an overall side effect measure be a useful summary metric?

## Possible Options from Commonly Used Item Libraries Include:

- FACT GP5 Question: “I am bothered by the side effects of treatment”
- EORTC Q168: “To what extent have you been troubled with side-effects from your treatment”

# OCE Core Outcomes Guidance

## Core Patient-Reported Outcomes in Cancer Clinical Trials Guidance for Industry

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# Supporting a Patient-Centric Approach to Dose Optimization in Oncology: The Essential Role of Patient-Reported Outcomes (PROs)

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## Introduction

Patient experience data (PED) in the context of drug regulation is a growing part of the totality of evidence to understand the safety and efficacy of a cancer therapeutic. PED intends to provide information about patients' experiences with a disease or condition.<sup>1</sup> One type of PED, patient-reported outcomes (PROs), is a clinical outcome assessment based on information directly reported by the patient about the status of their own health condition. Patients are uniquely positioned to report their own quality of life, symptoms, and function, and several studies support that patients are a highly reliable reporting source of such information that adds value to the traditional clinician assessment.<sup>2</sup> For example, clinicians, including oncologists, may overestimate functional status and underestimate patient symptoms, supporting the clinical and scientific

[https://friendsofcancerresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/Supporting\\_Patient-Centric\\_Approach\\_Dose\\_Optimization\\_Oncology-PROs.pdf](https://friendsofcancerresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/Supporting_Patient-Centric_Approach_Dose_Optimization_Oncology-PROs.pdf)

# Summary

- Patient-reported outcomes and healthcare utilization can complement standard efficacy and safety measures
- PRO concepts should be well understood; instruments should be fit-for-purpose and well-defined
- Tolerability can be assessed in all oncology trials, including dose escalation and expansion
- Item libraries can be used to parsimoniously meet the respective needs of regulators, payors, and all stakeholders.
- Well-collected and meaningful PRO information should be communicated to patients, caregivers, and providers

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