ISOQOL 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 21st Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Research (ISOQOL) is the premiere opportunity for colleagues in the international quality of life research and measurement community to connect and network.

PROGRAM TRACKS IN PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES (PROS):
- Clinical Practice
- eHealth/Technology
- Outcomes Research
- Populations and Healthcare Policy
- Quality of Care and Patient/Provider Satisfaction
- Theory and Methods

Plenary sessions are currently being developed and finalized. Plenary session topics will include Integrating Patients into Research; Better Services for Better Societies; and Well-Being and Mental Health Measurement Challenges.

Confirmed speakers include:

Nick Black, MD
Chair, NHS England National Advisory Group for Clinical Audit & Enquiries, Professor, Health Services Research, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, United Kingdom
After a career of developing and using PROs in research, Dr. Black has led the introduction of their routine use in health services in England where he continues to advise on several aspects of quality assessment.

John Brazier, PhD
Personal Chair in Health Economics, University of Sheffield
Dr. Brazier has 20+ years of experience in the measurement and valuation of health and conducting economic evaluations for policy makers.

Laurie Burke, MPH
LORA Group, LLC
Baltimore, MD, United States
Laurie Burke, MPH is an expert in medical product outcomes research, global regulatory strategy, drug labeling, and advertising. She was with the US FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research for 29 years and led efforts resulting in the FDA PRO Guidance. She also has collaborated extensively with the EMA, NIH, and WHO.

Maarten de Wit, PhD
Former Vice President PARE - People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe
Dr. de Wit, who has psoriatic arthritis, has been active in regional and international patient organizations for 15 years. In Jan 2014, he defended his PhD dissertation evaluating the process and outcomes of a decade of patient involvement in OMERACT research.

Lori Frank, PhD
Program Director, Research Integration and Evaluation, PCORI- Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, Washington, DC, United States
Dr. Frank leads efforts to bring the patient perspective to comparative effectiveness research to enhance the meaningfulness of outcomes and improve decision making by patients and providers.

John Kirwan, BSc, MD, FRCP
Professor, Rheumatic Diseases, Univ. of Bristol
Bristol, United Kingdom
Founder and Former Chair – OMERACT Patient Research Partners Committee
Since 2002, Dr. Kirwan has pioneered global efforts to integrate people with rheumatic diseases into processes to assess how well treatments work.

Additional information on plenary sessions, workshops, registration, and conference schedule will be added to the Conference website as the information becomes available.

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