

# Patient-participant perspective: Applying a decision aid to future RWE studies

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# ArthritisPower



## Patient-Powered Research Network: Research registry of more than 16,000 “activated” patient participants with rheumatic and musculoskeletal disease

- Created in 2015 with support from PCORI, one of 20 PPRNs and 33 networks within PCORnet
- Capacity to designate study cohorts and create customized user flows for each new study
- Novel data collection techniques (passive data)
- Individual health tracking so patients can view symptom data over time and share with their

## Smartphone App for mobile collection of patient data

- Patient-Reported Outcome Measurement Information System (PROMIS®) developed by the NIH
- Other PRO measures in library that can be quickly updated with new instruments as needed
- Custom surveys (via HIPAA-compliant SurveyMonkey API)

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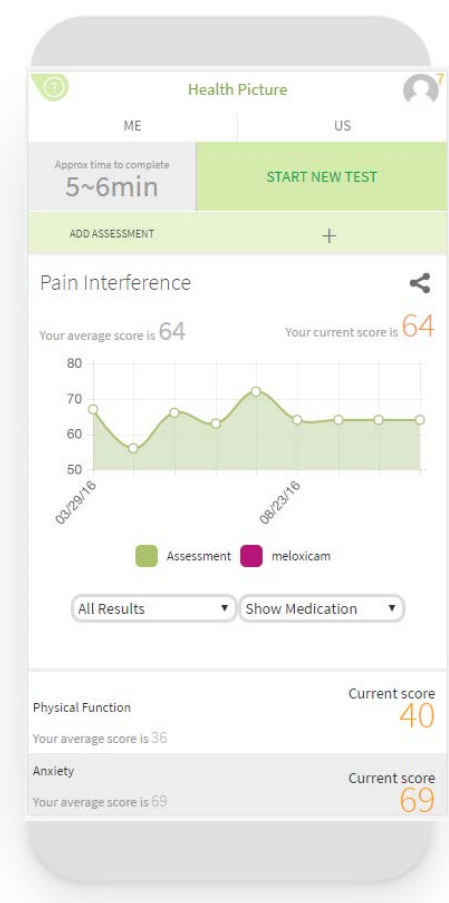
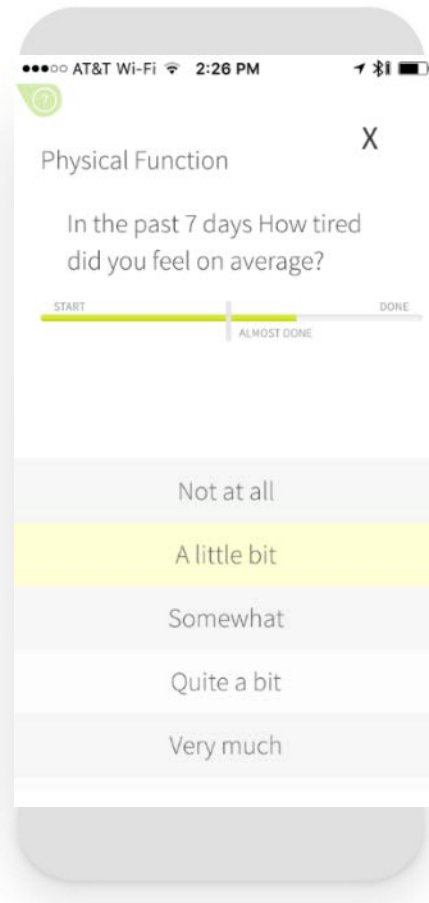
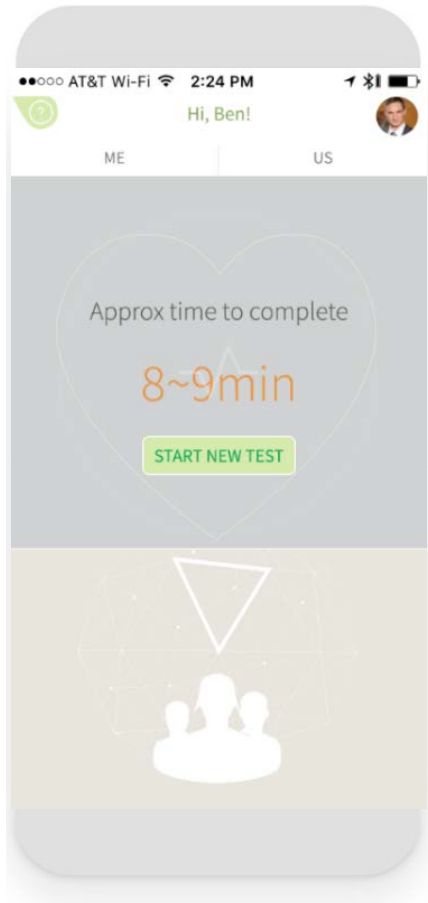
- **Tracking** - symptoms; active/past medications; complementary treatments\*; add other measures (flares\*, depression, disease impact on social satisfaction); personal symptom note entries for context\*; import VectraDA® lab results\*; future biosensor innovation
- **Analytics** - longitudinal results graphing; overlay medication usage to see how symptoms change with new medications\*
- **Share** - electronic reports can be sent to doctors, caregivers and others
- **Research Opportunities** - browse available studies for participation
- **Connect** - invite other patients or caregivers to connect through in-app messaging with option to share notes, analytics\*
- **Education** - CreakyJoints social media feed, including patient blogs / Twitter; disease specific content on treatments, coping and support\*

\*New features developed for v2

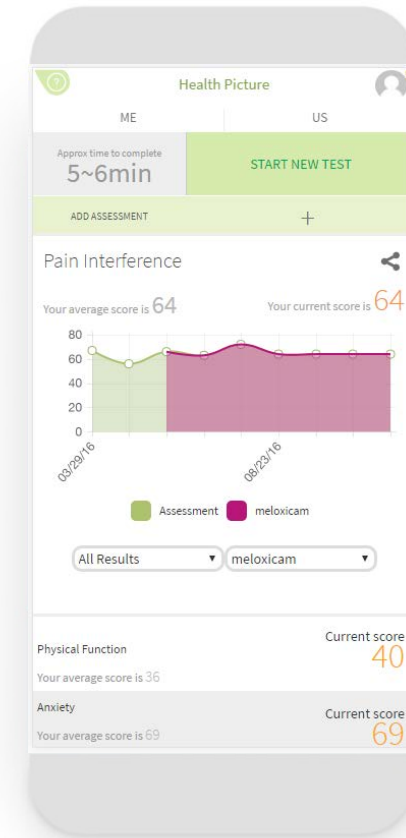
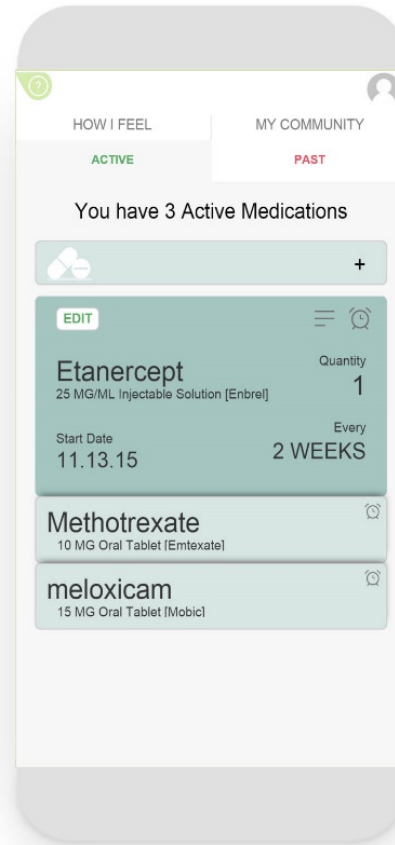
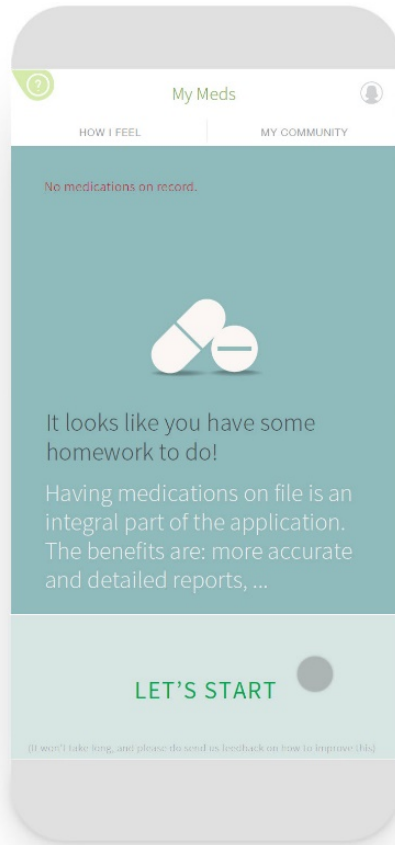




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# Engagement



- What information do patients **need** to make a decision?  
Research → Information → Health care decision
- Which **data** and **study design** will permit us to answer the research question?
- Which **partners** are appropriate?  
Shared values, Access to data
- Which **data** and **study design** will permit us to answer the research question AND engage our partners?  
Participant experience (UI/UX), Consent, Incentive

# The Comparative Health Outcomes in Immune-mediated diseases CollaborativE (CHOICE) Study



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**Patients and doctors want to know which treatment works best, for whom, and under what circumstances**



# What is the need?



## What we know:

Physicians and patients need to make challenging decisions among a variety of treatment options. This can be difficult given widely variable safety profiles and limited data on medication effectiveness from a patient's perspective. Most of our approved medications work reasonably well, for most patients, most of the time.

## What we don't know:

- How *well* do these medications work?
- How *quickly* do they work?

# Which data?



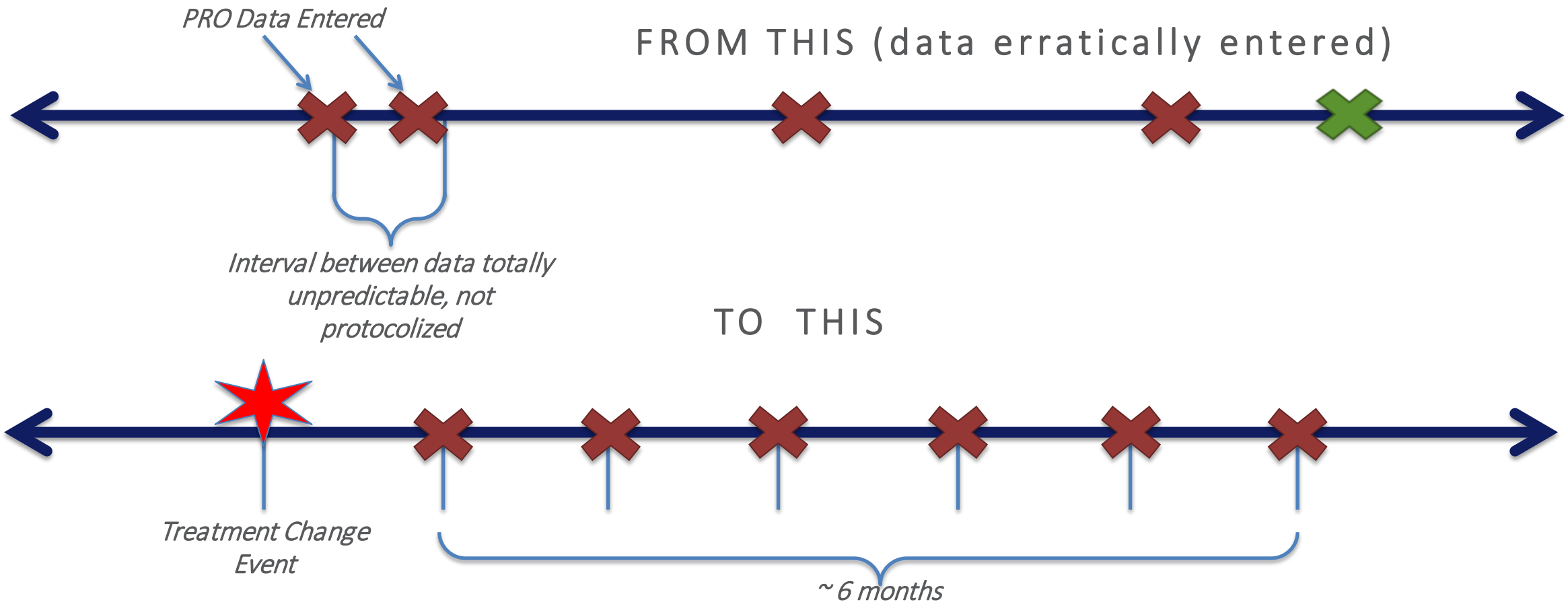
## Diagnosis & Treatment:

- Self-reported data (condition, physician name, treatment)
- Additional screening questions
- Linked EMR or claims data

## Patient experience:

- Symptoms, patient-reported outcomes (PRO)
- Reasons for changing or stopping treatment

# Effectiveness: Important to have PRO data contributed regularly





# Which partner?



## What does this have to do with me as a patient?

You are the only one who can tell us how well or not well a treatment works for you.

*When you tell us how well a medication is working (or not working) for you, your **Patient Reported Outcome (PRO)** describes your experience with this medication. Your voice is heard and this benefits other people like you.*

Data like this from you and thousands of other patients is turned into information that physicians and other patients can use to make decisions about treatments.

# Which partner?



## How can I help?

As a member of ArthritisPower, *when you contribute regular data*, you are helping to make comparative effectiveness information available.

There are three easy steps:

- 1. Fill out your medication data and keep it current**
- 2. Complete your ArthritisPower PROs regularly**
- 3. Be sure to include WHY changes were made**

# Considerations...



- Harmonizing data collection with other partners
  - What are others' collecting, how and with what frequency?
- Additional data required for validation
- Adjustments to informed consent
- Incentive
- Patients' visualization of their own data, comparisons with others
- Participant experience on digital platform, UX
- Dissemination of findings to patient participants
- Integration with clinical care

# Thank you

