

Aims of the EULAR Study Group for Collaborative Research

established in 2017



Background – During the previous two decades, the interest in patient-centred care, developing patient reported outcomes (PROs) and forms of collaborative research has grown. In the field of rheumatology, many efforts to initiate, develop and implement collaborative research have been undertaken and reported. EULAR PARE has developed recommendations for patient-researcher collaboration and has also established a network of 70 trained patient research partners (PRPs), of whom several have also graduated from the EUPATI training course.

The EULAR study group offers a platform where PRPs and researchers can meet, learn from each other, discuss current challenges and prioritize research topics. The Study Group enables participants at the EULAR congress and through regular virtual meetings to meet at least twice a year, agree on a research agenda and initiate new collaborations.

Aims of the Study Group for Collaborative Research

- To provide a platform for knowledge exchange regarding patient participation in rheumatology care and research.
- To disseminate research priorities to the wider community to inform future research studies.
- To establish a community of practice comprising researchers and PRPs with an interest in developing new and innovative methods to make the voice of patients heard in rheumatology research.
- To develop recommendations and criteria to enhance patient-researcher collaboration on international, national and local levels.
- To stimulate the dialogue about the rationale, principles and conditions for patient involvement and collaboration in research.
- To enhance the implementation of recommendations for patient-researcher collaboration, for example, in EULAR grant applications.
- To discuss and develop the nomenclature and methodology of evaluating the process, results and impact of patient participation in research and health care improvement and innovation.
- To develop patient participation in such a way that it advances care and research in rheumatology.

More information, such as the annual study group posters, can be obtained from the EULAR PARE secretariat.