

Joint Statement

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The International Consortium of Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM) and the Health Outcomes Observatory (H2O) are delighted to announce the signing of a collaboration agreement.

Both ICHOM and H2O recognize Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs) are central to the future of healthcare. The integration of PROs will increasingly shift health decisions towards patients' perspectives and preferences. This shift requires active leadership and enablement.

ICHOM and H2O both play complimentary roles in supporting the increased use of PROs.

ICHOM focuses on identifying what needs to be measured to improve care and patient outcomes. H2O focuses on implementing these measurements in a way that is meaningful and relevant for patients to enhance communication between patients, HCPs and healthcare systems in routine clinical practice.

This agreement opens the door for ICHOM and H2O to join forces in achieving a shared mission, which is transforming healthcare systems by creating a mindset of focus on patient outcomes and continuous learning and improvement.

ICHOM and H2O will build on their respective skills and areas of focus to create synergies that will help them both achieve their objectives. Most importantly, it will drive the adoption of interoperable, meaningful outcome standards that can be implemented in routine clinical practice at scale.

Professor Tanja Stamm, scientific Co-Lead of H2O, welcomes the agreement;

'We share a common ambition with unique approaches. In H2O, we draw together multi-stakeholder networks to create the standardized language needed for every day clinical care to support that ICHOM standards are brought to life. Our focus is to build the networks of trust required to create a new way of communication between patients and health professionals and thus enable true patient-centered care.'

Suzanne Gaunt, President, ICHOM, said;

"We are delighted to collaborate with H2O in this aligned mission to improve health patient outcomes. Patient care is our focus, and we look forward to working together to see how we can transform the future of global health and achieve our objectives."

About H2O

The Health Outcomes Observatory (H2O) is a public-private consortium drawing together patients, providers, regulators and healthcare decision-makers who share an interest in putting patients at the heart of value-based healthcare. The aim is to bring Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs) into decision-making by giving patients the tools to measure PROs in a standardised way. If clinicians and patients speak a standardized PRO 'language', this opens up a new world of possibilities, including;

- improved access to data informing clinical decisions
- Real World Evidence showing the status and dynamics of patient populations
- higher quality and sustainability of care through more transparent evidence of outcomes
- support for the design and direction of new treatment development

All of which will bring benefits for individual patients, as well as the broader population. H2O is currently being established across multiple locations in Europe To learn more, visit www.health-outcomes-observatory.eu

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About ICHOM

More Information on The International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement:

ICHOM's mission is to unlock the potential of value-based health care by defining global Sets of Patient-Centered Outcome Measures that matter most to patients and driving adoption and reporting of these measures worldwide to create better value for all stakeholders. ICHOM was founded in 2012 by Professor Michael E. Porter of Harvard Business School, the Boston Consulting Group, and Karolinska Institute.

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