An Overview of the Rheumatology Informatics System for Effectiveness (RISE) Registry

The Rheumatology Informatics System for Effectiveness (RISE) registry is a unique tool created by the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) to help rheumatologists succeed in improving patient care and health. RISE extracts clinical data directly from the EHR systems of participating individuals or practices, aggregates these data centrally, and provides easily understandable analytics.

RISE provides participants with an infrastructure for robust quality improvement activities leading to improved patient outcomes, patient population management, and quality reporting related to rheumatic diseases and drug safety. RISE gives physicians and researchers the information they need to:

Demonstrate Value of Rheumatology with Key Influencers

In this new healthcare economy, RISE data will help the ACR identify and quantify the value a rheumatologist provides, while also advocating on behalf of rheumatology to influencers and policymakers. Through RISE, clinicians can more easily make a case to external entities [e.g., lawmakers, CMS, insurance sector] regarding the high quality of patient care provided.

Optimize Patient Outcomes

RISE helps providers benchmark performances on key rheumatology clinical quality measures and align with best practice standards. The RISE benchmarking tool allows providers to view the details of their patient population against established rheumatology quality metrics. RISE allows access to aggregate data from other participating sites so providers can view their patient population in comparison to other RISE participants.

Meet Reporting Requirements

RISE collects the data needed to meet current federal reporting requirements. RISE simplifies and assists practices in completing annual reporting required by CMS. Because RISE has been designated a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR), participating providers, with minimal effort on their part, can report on a variety of quality measures that were developed specifically for rheumatology professionals. Furthermore, because of the high-quality data extraction done through RISE, each practice’s quality scores are more accurate than EHR reports and may lower the chance of a negative payment adjustment.

Make Discoveries that Advance Rheumatology

Participating in RISE helps advance the field of rheumatology. RISE provides an established source of information on patient outcomes and quality care for rheumatology leading to new discoveries, better understanding, and opportunities for comparative effectiveness research. The ACR invests in RISE because of the fundamental belief there is hope for better care and outcomes for people with, and at risk for, rheumatic diseases. Working together, providers, researchers, and the ACR/RISE will help discover the solutions to transform care!