An Overview of the American College of Rheumatology’s Rheumatology Informatics System for Effectiveness (RISE) Registry

In the first quarter of 2014, the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) unveiled its new Rheumatology Informatics System for Effectiveness (RISE) Registry. The RISE Registry is an enhanced version of the ACR’s Rheumatology Clinical Registry (RCR) and allows for a simplified entry process, while establishing a best-in-class resource to manage your patient population and improve patient care.

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 for 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, clinician users can more easily make the case regarding the quality of patient care provided to external entities (e.g., lawmakers, CMS, insurance sector).

**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 is integrated into an electronic health records (EHR) system, bringing a single point of entry into one solution for filing for quality-based incentive payments, avoiding penalties, complying with reporting requirements and tracking caseloads for quality monitoring and improvement initiatives. RISE collects the data needed to meet current federal reporting requirements.

**Make Discoveries that Advance Rheumatology**
Participating in RISE helps push the field of rheumatology practice forward. RISE provides a source of information on patient outcomes and quality care for rheumatology leading to new discoveries, better understanding and a source of comparative effectiveness research.

The ACR invested 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.

For information about RISE and how you can help assess healthcare quality and inform practice innovations, please email RISE@rheumatology.org.