



International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement

Transforming healthcare by measuring what matters most to patients

Global healthcare systems face increasing pressure from rising costs, growing demand, and persistent variation in quality of care. Too often, success is measured by what is easiest to count - rather than what truly matters to patients.

The International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM) exists to change this and restore healthcare to its purpose: improving health.

ICHOM is an independent, not-for-profit organization that brings together healthcare professionals, researchers, and people with lived experience to define and standardize patient-centered outcome measures. By enabling healthcare systems worldwide to measure outcomes that matter most to patients, ICHOM supports meaningful, lasting improvement in care.



60%

of the global disease burden covered

To date, ICHOM has developed 49 global Sets of Patient-Centered Outcome Measures, spanning cancers, cardiovascular disease, mental health, musculoskeletal conditions, and more. These Sets create global consensus on the outcomes that matter most - helping healthcare systems deliver and pay for care that meets patients' needs.



Working with ICHOM enables us to champion value-based healthcare in our region, embedding outcomes measurement into everyday practice and fostering a culture of transparency, teamwork, and continuous improvement.



Dr Dominique Samaha, Consultant Orthopedic and Spine Surgeon, EMC Jeddah

How ICHOM Supports Your Outcomes Journey

Learn > Measure > Improve > Validate > Influence

ICHOM supports healthcare organizations at every stage of outcomes measurement - from building knowledge to demonstrating impact

Learn



Resources, Webinars & Education

Build knowledge and capability through practical guidance, real-world examples, webinars, and educational programs designed to support outcomes measurement in practice.

Measure



Sets of Patient-Centered Outcome Measures

ICHOM Sets define validated outcome measures for specific conditions, based on what matters most to patients. They provide the architecture for clinical pathway change, registry development, data dashboards, transparent comparison, and identification of performance targets for procurement and contracting.

Improve



Connect & Learning Collaboratives

Apply outcomes measurement in practice and learn from peers facing similar challenges. Learning Collaboratives support shared learning, accelerate improvement, and translate outcomes data into action.

Validate



Accreditation

Demonstrate excellence through formal recognition of outcomes measurement aligned with global best practice.

Influence




Conference & Partner Program

Share learning, influence the field, and help shape the future of value-based healthcare through collaboration and leadership.

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If we are not measuring outcomes that matter to patients, how can we know whether healthcare is truly improving? 

Patient, ICHOM Working Group Member

What are Sets of Patient-Centered Outcome Measures?

Patient-centered outcome measures go beyond traditional clinical indicators to capture what matters most to people living with a condition - including symptoms, function, quality of life, and survival.

For example in the case of colorectal cancer, this means measuring not only survival, but also outcomes such as bowel function, fatigue, and quality of life.

By combining patient-reported outcomes with clinical data, healthcare providers gain a more complete understanding of whether care is truly improving patients' lives. All ICHOM Sets include risk-adjustable data points, enabling meaningful comparison across providers and over time.

Using ICHOM in practice

Healthcare organizations around the world use ICHOM Sets to:

- Measure outcomes consistently across patient populations to optimize care pathways and support shared decision-making
- Compare performance over time and across providers to drive quality improvement and inform payment models
- Identify unwarranted interventions and variations in care
- Support personalized medicine based on real-world evidence
- Create consistency in clinical registries that enable real-world data development
- Improve transparency, quality, and patient experience

ICHOM in numbers*

575+

implementing sites in over 60 countries

49

Sets of Patient-Centered Outcome Measures

30,000+

members in the global value-based healthcare community

5,000+

citations in peer-reviewed publications

27

ICHOM-accredited hospitals

*As of January 2026

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