The OECD’s new Patient Reported Indicator Survey’s (PaRIS) International Survey of Patients with Chronic Conditions is an essential step in helping countries transform health systems from 20th century, supply-led models towards 21st century, people-centred health systems. The most rapidly growing group of health care users in OECD countries are people living with chronic conditions, the majority of whom receive health services in primary care settings. Within the framework of PaRIS, the OECD is developing an international survey to systematically measure outcomes and experiences of care among these patients.

The importance of incorporating patient input is essential when considering the development of surveys to capture patient outcomes and experiences. To help ensure that the PaRIS International Survey of Patients with Chronic Conditions will serve patients’ needs, OECD countries are convening a Patient Panel (PP) to advise on survey design, implementation, and activities related to patient engagement. This patient advisory panel has been established using a ‘network of networks,’ by which the OECD is partnering with established patient networks to coordinate direct feedback from patient representatives.

As the PaRIS initiative begins to develop survey tools and standardise protocols, patient-engagement and broad public support will be key to ensuring the products and processes developed meet the needs and expectations of people from their health systems, in addition to those of policy makers and clinicians. The PaRIS-PP will advise on tool development, implementation plans, and engagement of key stakeholders.

Currently, the PaRIS-PP includes representatives from the following organisations:

- Alianza Chilena de Agrupaciones de Pacientes (Chile)
- Consumers Health Forum of Australia (Australia)
- European Patients’ Forum
- International Alliance of Patients’ Organizations
- Irish Platform for Patient Organisations, Science & Industry (Ireland)
- National Voices (UK)
- Pan-Canadian Patient Council for the Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovation Network (Canada)
- The National Health Council (US)
- The NCD Alliance

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