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Neuromuscular  
Diseases (ERN EURO-NMD)

# 7<sup>th</sup> ERN EURO-NMD ANNUAL MEETING

## GUIDELINES & OTHER TOOLS

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

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To address the needs of the rare neuromuscular diseases community, EURO-NMD has defined Specific Objectives broken down to several Work packages

**Work package 7:** pool and spread knowledge by updating and developing Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs), Patient Preferences (PPs), Patient Experience (PEs), PROMS on pain and fatigue in NMDs, and other Clinical PROMS and other Clinical Decision Support Tools (CDSTs)

## Recommended Guidelines

Our network group members have currently identified the follow guidelines that they regularly rely upon and find very valuable for many aspects of their day to day work.

This list below (which you can filter by disease) is under constant review as we are made aware of more high quality, peer reviewed information that will benefit our community.

As we add more content to this section of our website and appreciate how it can best be used we will redesign its structure.

Filter by disease:

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### PIPELINE

- 1.MND
- 2.PMM
- 3.ATTRy NEUROPATHY
- 4.MFMs/DMs
- 5.Nutrition flyer

**Clinical Decision Support Tools**  
**Consensus recommendations on MND – ALS Guidelines**  
**Expected delivery: Q1 2024**  
**Updates Q4 2024**

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## **to update the consensus recommendation on MND**

- Updated guidelines on the management of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to be delivered (Q1 2024) (EAN/ERN/ENCALS) – paper in revision
- Lay version of the EAN/ERN ALS guidelines promoted after publication
- Further updates will be needed for specific recommendations
- Genetic testing and counselling in ALS/FTD proposed as a topic to the ERN-MND working group (Meeting 21 June 2023; 8 Nov 2023) combined with measurement of plasma/CSF NFL

# PRIMARY MITOCHONDRIAL MYOPATHIES (PMM)

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**Genetically defined disorders leading to defects of oxidative phosphorylation affecting predominantly, but not exclusively, skeletal muscle**

Workshop report

International Workshop:

Outcome measures and clinical trial readiness in primary mitochondrial myopathies in children and adults. Consensus recommendations.

Rome, Italy, 16–18 November 2016

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Received 26 June 2017

# Clinical Decision Support Tools

## Consensus recommendations on primary mitochondrial myopathies (PMM)

Expected F2F meeting: Q4 2024

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to revise/update the consensus paper on PMM in order to cover

1. diagnostic criteria for primary mitochondrial myopathy
2. outcome measures for natural history studies and clinical trial readiness in PMM

endorsed by the inter ERN mitochondrial working group



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# **PNS/EAN Guideline (GRADE)**

## **Diagnosis and treatment of ATTRv neuropathy**

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**To produce guidelines on ATTRv neuropathy**

- 1. Treatment (first GL to develop)**
- 2. Diagnosis (second GL)**

**Chairs (Isabel Conceição, Michael Polydefkis / Davide Pareyson) and Task force defined**

**Funding from PNS and EAN**

**First call to present project: 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023**

**Second call to refine methodology: 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023**

**Collected clinical questions from Task Force members (January 2024)**

**F2F meeting to define PICOs = 16-17 Feb 2024 in Vienna**





# **ERN consensus on available clinical outcome measures to be used in clinical practice**

## **Proof of concept focused on MFMs/DMs (adult/pediatric)**

The project consisted of two sections, completed in 2023:

1. Review of literature and assessment of the level of evidence.
2. Delphi process.

Currently, drafting of the manuscript is ongoing.

Coordinators: Lorenzo Maggi (ITA) and Antonio Atalaia (FRA) (plus Sabrina Sacconi-FRA- and Michael Keogh-UK- as moderators).

# Clinical Decision Support Tools

## GRAPHIC DOCUMENT FOR THE ERN NMD WEB PAGE

### Nutrinion flyer



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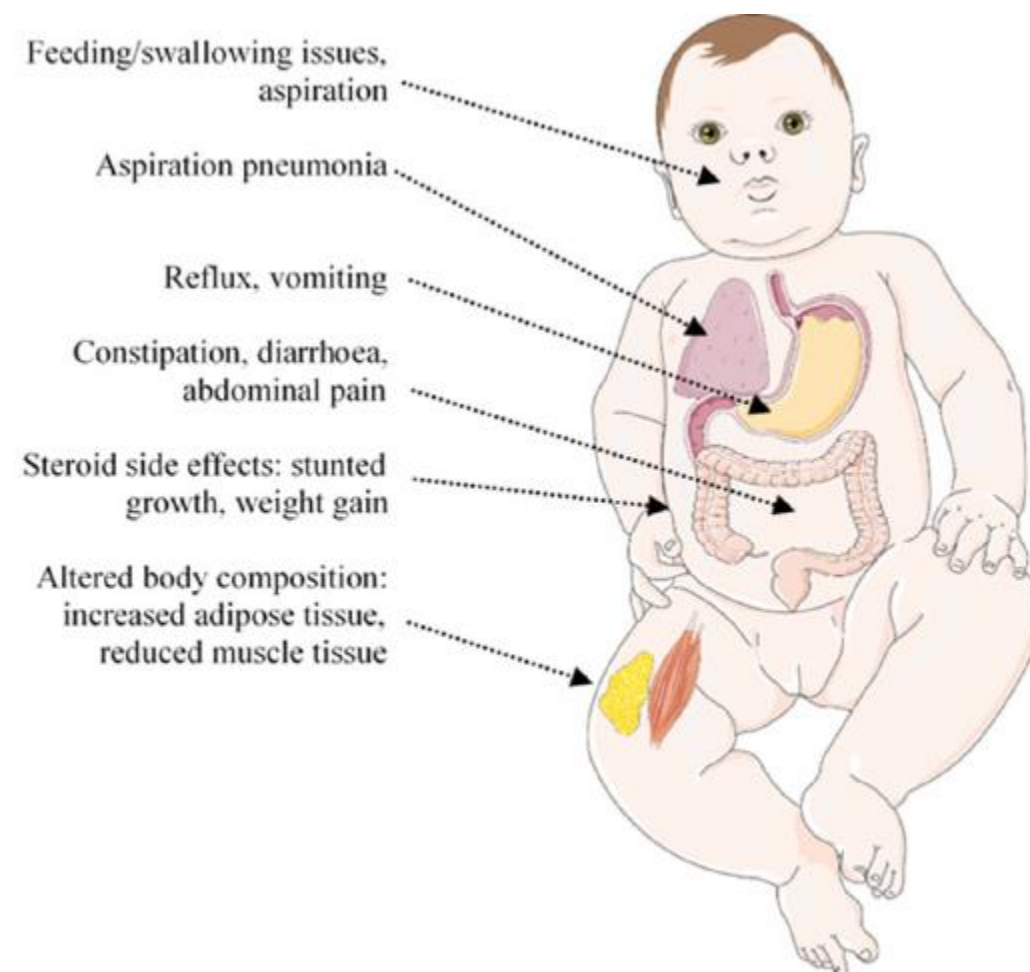
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#### Why do we need it:

1. Poor knowledge in non expert centers of the nutritional needs of NMD patients
2. Chocking due to swallowing difficulties is common



In collaboration with all ERN NMD working groups

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**Next call planned March 2024**

*Patient Reported Outcome Measures: development of a PROM for muscle pain and fatigue for patients with neuromuscular diseases*



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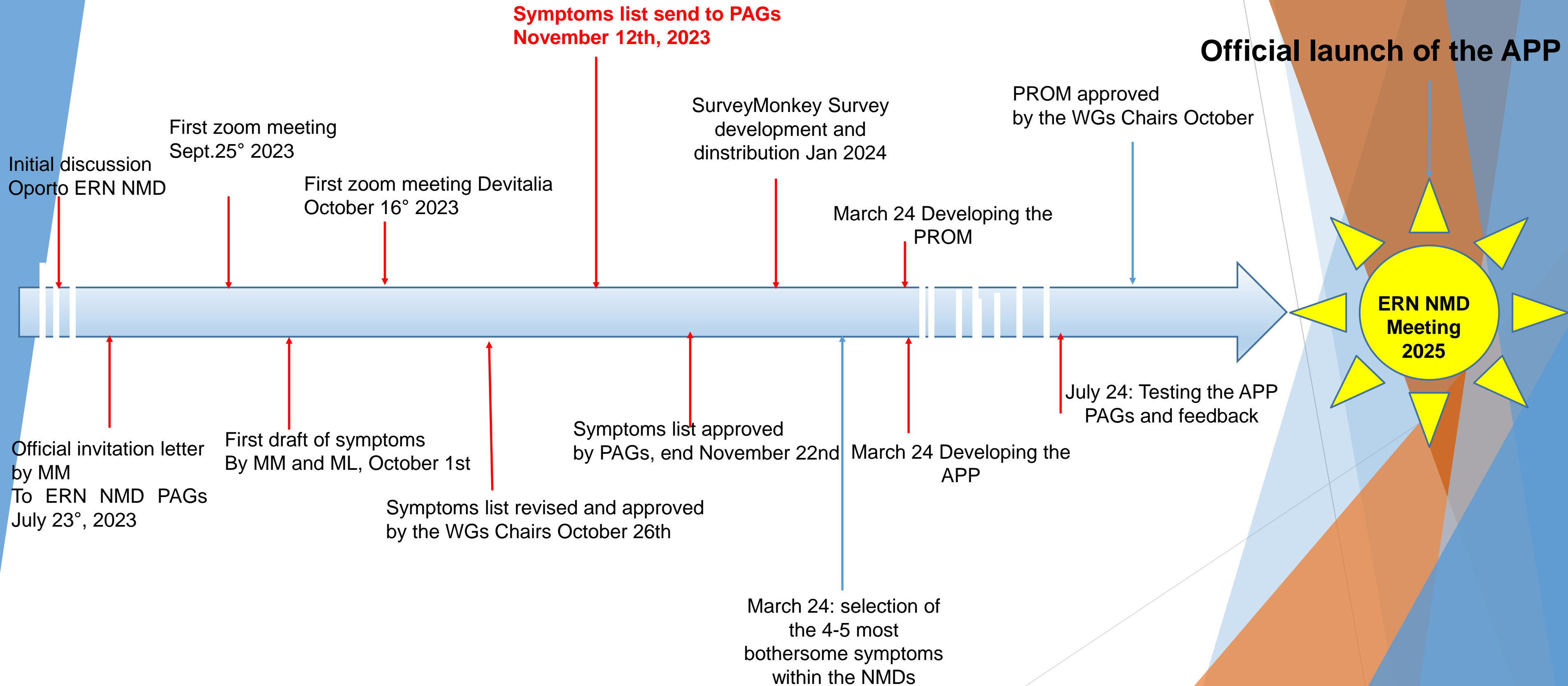
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- To develop a new PR outcome measure that will allow to identify the most burden symptom(s) in patients affected by Neuromuscular Diseases (NMDs) among the different disease groups, to quantify them, and to monitor their evolution over time (naturally or with a new treatment/rehab)
- To enrich data sharing allowing improvement of diagnostics, therapies, and knowledge regarding the disease natural history

*There is no PROM that uses a unique cross-sectional approach to accumulate information about the symptomatology of patients with different neuromuscular diseases*

# PROM Timeline and milestones



→ milestone

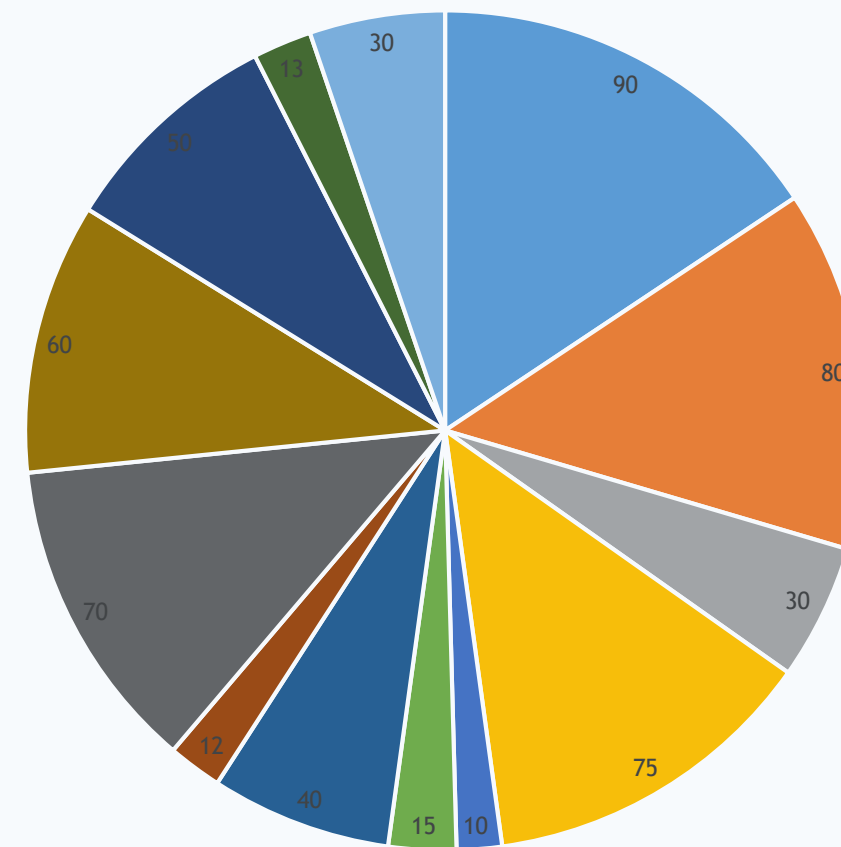
# Which one is the most critical symptom for NMDs patients?

How do we get this information from patients?

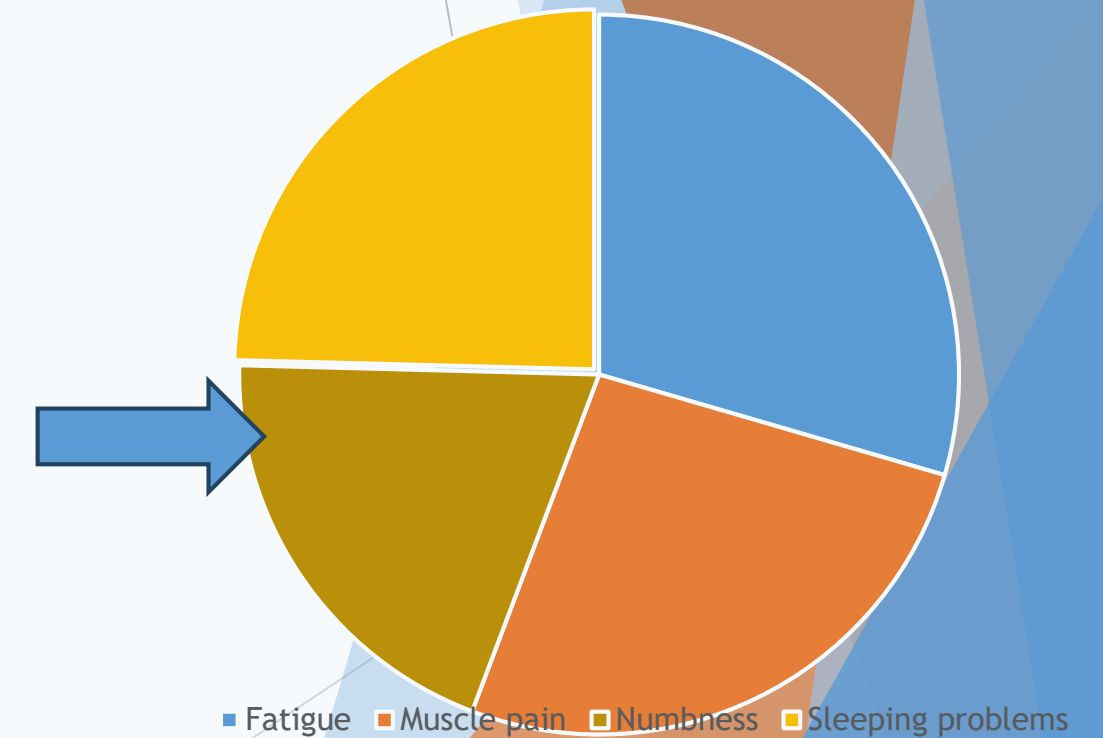
- List of all NMD symptoms
- Make and send out a Survey Monkey: the patient chooses the most burden symptom(s) (Sleeping issue, headache, fatigue, pain...)
- We will collect the most burden symptoms chosen by the patients (a subset of 4-5 symptoms) among different disease groups.
- Two mandatory symptoms: pain and fatigue

Example.....

Symptoms Burden Percentage



Subset of the most frequent Symptoms Burden



- Fatigue
- muscle pain
- swallowing problems
- sleeping problems
- arrhythmia
- dizziness
- muscle weakness
- Trouble breathing
- Painful sensations
- Numbness
- Balance problems
- Movement issues
- More symptoms

# Where we are so far



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# EURO-NMD

Building bridges and breaking barriers  
in rare neuromuscular diseases

## Copy of ERN NMD PROM FOR ADULTS

### Welcome to the Assessment of the Neuromuscular Disease (NMD) patients' symptom burden

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

***This survey will allow us to better identify your symptom burden!***

**This survey is only for adult patients (18 years and older)!**

**The survey must be completed by the patient only! If you are not able to complete it,  
please ask help to your caregiver!**

**Data protection. This is an anonymous survey.**

**We are not collecting any personal data and we will not share or make public  
information that can link you to individual responses presented in our final report.**

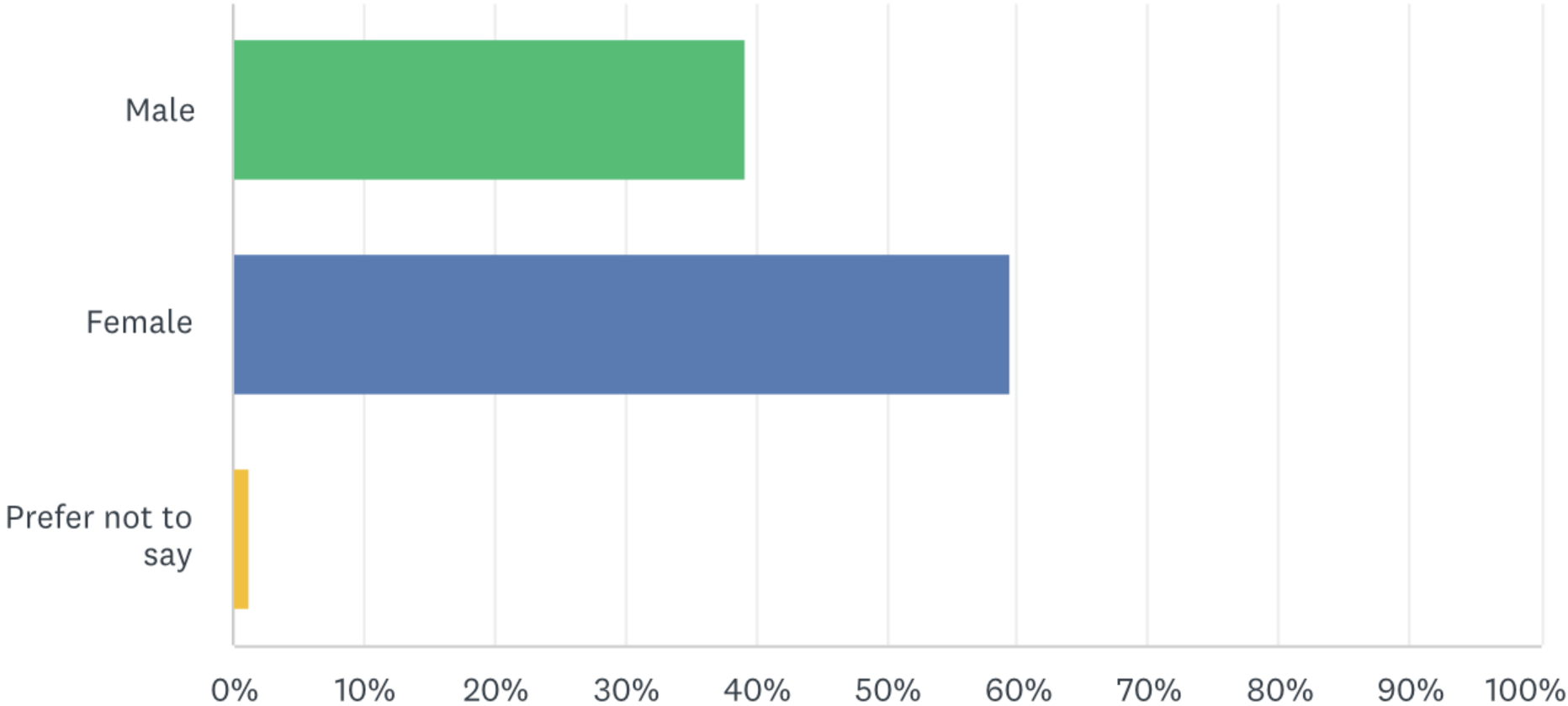
**Please continue the survey if you agree on that thank you**

# SURVEY MONKEY - WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?

**Total Responses**  
**on February 15<sup>th</sup> 2024: 506**

## What is your gender?

Answered: 506 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Male	39.33% 199
▼ Female	59.49% 301
▼ Prefer not to say	1.19% 6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>506</b>



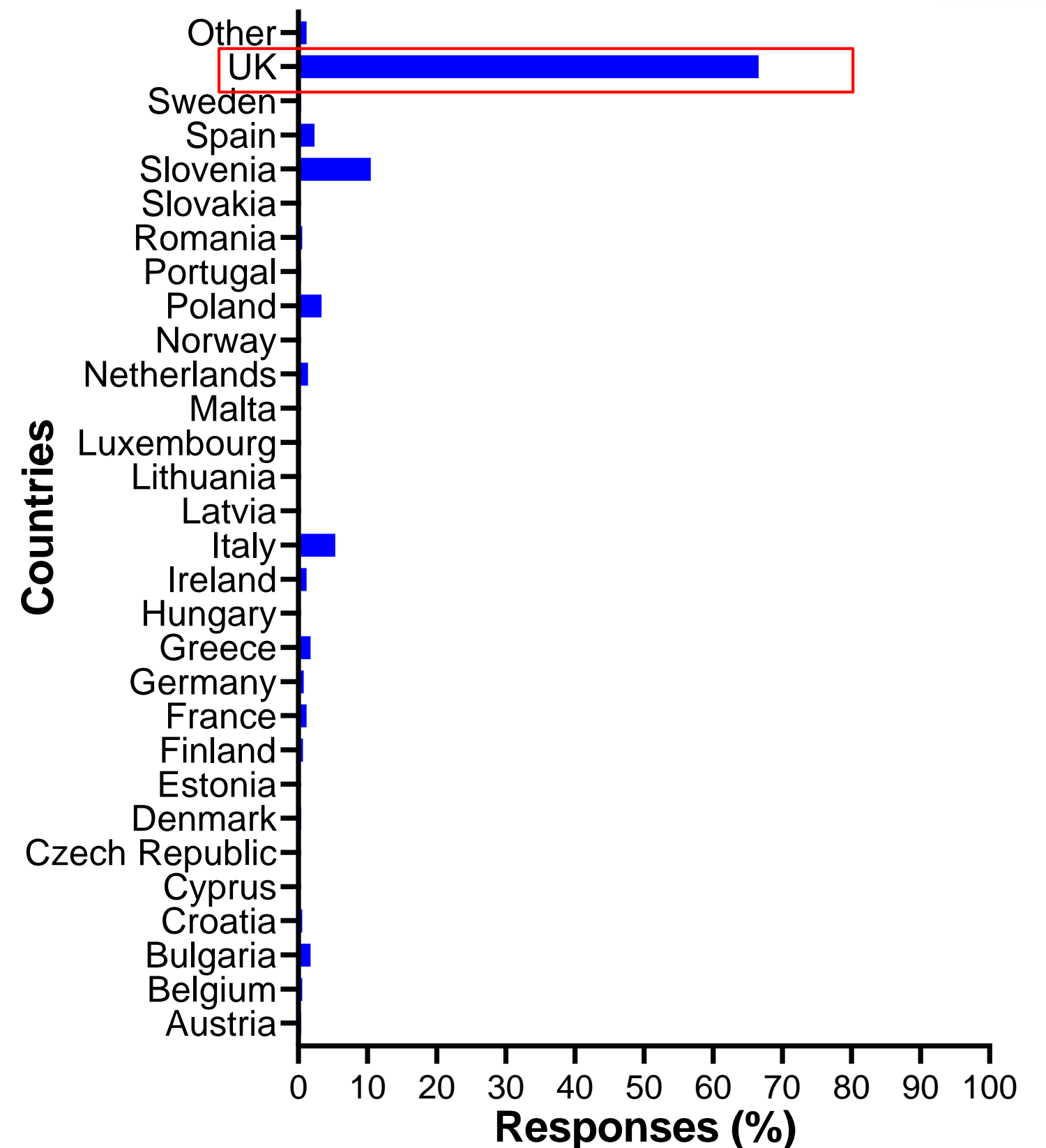
# SURVEY MONKEY - WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

What is your age?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ 18-25	5.73% 29
▼ 26-35	7.51% 38
▼ 36-45	14.43% 73
▼ 46-55	18.58% 94
▼ 56-69	31.03% 157
▼ 70 and older	22.73% 115
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>506</b>

# SURVEY MONKEY - WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Austria	0.20%	1
▼ Belgium	0.40%	2
▼ Bulgaria	1.78%	9
▼ Croatia	0.40%	2
▼ Cyprus	0.00%	0
▼ Czech Republic	0.00%	0
▼ Denmark	0.20%	1
▼ Estonia	0.00%	0
▼ Finland	0.59%	3
▼ France	1.19%	6
▼ Germany	0.79%	4
▼ Greece	1.78%	9
▼ Hungary	0.00%	0
▼ Ireland	1.19%	6
▼ Italy	5.34%	27
▼ Latvia	0.00%	0
▼ Lithuania	0.00%	0
▼ Luxembourg	0.00%	0
▼ Malta	0.00%	0
▼ Netherlands	1.38%	7
▼ Norway	0.00%	0
▼ Poland	3.36%	17
▼ Portugal	0.20%	1
▼ Romania	0.40%	2
▼ Slovakia	0.00%	0
▼ Slovenia	10.47%	53
▼ Spain	2.37%	12
▼ Sweden	0.20%	1
▼ UK	66.60%	337
▼ Other	1.19%	6
TOTAL		506



# SURVEY MONKEY - HAVE YOU BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIRSEASES?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Mitochondrial Diseases	14.43% 73
▼ Duchenne or Becker Muscular Dystrophy	2.37% 12
▼ Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy (FSHD)	3.75% 19
▼ Myotonic Dystrophies	1.58% 8
▼ Other Muscular Dystrophies (excluding Duchenne, Becker, FSHD, myotonic dystrophies)	1.19% 6
▼ Metabolic Myopathies	0.20% 1
▼ Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies	0.20% 1
▼ Myofibrillar Myopathies	0.20% 1
▼ Congenital Myopathies and Congenital muscular dystrophies	0.79% 4
▼ Skeletal Muscle Channelopathies	0.00% 0
▼ Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and other motor neuron diseases (excluding SMA)	0.79% 4
▼ Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)	6.72% 34
▼ Myasthenia gravis	3.56% 18
▼ Congenital Myasthenic Syndromes	0.20% 1
▼ Charcot-Marie Tooth and related neuropathies (HNPN, HSAN, dHMN)	56.72% 287
▼ Hereditary Amyloid Neuropathy	0.20% 1
▼ Neuropathies associated with haematological disease and monoclonal gammopathy (MGUS, POEMS, ETC)	0.40% 2
▼ Inflammatory and Dysimmune Neuropathies	0.99% 5
▼ Small Fibre Neuropathies	0.20% 1
▼ Idiopathic Neuropathies	0.20% 1
▼ I do not know the name of my disease	1.38% 7
▼ Other	3.95% 20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>506</b>

# Patient Journeys

## The patient journey



A visual description of what patients need and how clinicians can address them

- ▶ One PJ per disease group
- ▶ Coordinated in AP-HP with PAB
- ▶ Volunteers needed!

### ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE

- ▶ Myositis
- ▶ Mitochondrial myopathies
- ▶ ALS