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Congratulations to the 2022 PHO Scholarship Winners!

The Board of Directors is pleased to introduce the recipients of the 2022 PHO Scholarship Awards Program. Now in its fourth year, this competitive program has grown, and the PHO is now awarding 10 trainee scholarships to trainees to participate in the [8th Annual PROMIS International Conference](#), October 23-24, in Prague. Applications were received from eight countries outside of the United States and four US states. The PHO Scholarship Awards Program is funded by generous donations from members and others.



Betul Bay, MSc is a PhD student in nursing at the University of Birmingham in Birmingham, United Kingdom. The focus of her dissertation project is development of a digital pain management application for use in the home setting of children with cancer. PROMIS will be important in defining a minimum pain intervention set that can be applied and guide pain management for children with cancer being cared for in the home setting.



David Bernstein, MD, MBA, MEI is a resident in the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency Program/Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA USA. His current research is focused on using PROMIS in clinical practice to predict outcomes, as part of value-based health care initiatives, and to help address issues related to social determinants of health (SDoH) and better understand health disparities. One of the core features of his most recent work is assessing differences in access to care and whether certain patient populations initially present with worse symptom severity.



Laurien Brauner, MSc is a PhD student at the Hogeschool Utrecht, University of Applied Sciences, in Utrecht, The Netherlands. As a speech and language therapist working with children, adolescents and adults, patient-reported outcome measures are used in addition to performance-based tests in determining optimal and valuable therapy goals and intervention methods. She is part of a research group working on development and implementation of a measure tailored to the experience of people with communication disorders.



Wajihah Ghazi, MSc is a graduate student working in clinical research at Toronto General Hospital in Toronto, Canada. She is involved in methodological and empirical projects related to validating PROMIS in patients with chronic kidney disease and integrating physical function assessments at clinical settings. Due to her background and expertise in kinesiology, she was drawn to the physical function domain of PROMIS.



Gregory Gooding, BA is completing his MSc in experimental medicine with a concentration in digital health innovation at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec Canada. Current projects include harmonizing a core set of patient-valued Solid Organ Transplant (SOT) Patient-Reported Outcome (PRO) domains with stakeholders (patients, clinicians, researchers, administrators).



Thymen Houwen, MD is a PhD student at the Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and is currently working at the Elisabeth-Tweesteden Ziekenhuis in Tilburg, The Netherlands. His work has focused on implementing PROMIS CAT measures into the practice of the trauma surgery department with the aim of showing the high potential and relevance of PROMIS to both trauma patients and trauma professionals.



Renee Jones, MPH is a PhD student at the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne in Australia. Her specialty area is paediatric PROMs and her research has focused on evaluating the psychometric performance of the PROMIS-25 paediatric profile and other commonly used instruments. She will explore how generic paediatric HRQoL instruments can be used in routine clinical care as patient-reported outcome measures.



Heena Manglani, PhD is a T32 postdoctoral research fellow in Integrative Medicine at Harvard Medical School and a clinical fellow in the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA USA. She is leveraging PROMIS measures to identify individual risk factors for physical, psychological, and cognitive decline in people with multiple sclerosis. Her aim is to facilitate the timely delivery of clinical interventions, including psychotherapy, cognitive rehabilitation, and sleep medicine, to promote patient-centered whole health care.



Lynn Tanner, MPT is a PhD student at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in Minneapolis, MN USA. She will measure HRQOL in survivors of pediatric cancer using PROMIS measures and examine differences between survivors who did and did not receive physical therapy services during their cancer experience. She will also analyze associations between HRQOL and clinical physical performance measures such as balance and walking capacity.



Iraís Yañez-Alvarez, PhD is a fellow at the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico in Morelos, Mexico. As a researcher in quality evaluation and quality improvement with a focus on maternal and neonatal care, she has experience in measurement of quality health outcomes through direct contact with women from vulnerable settings who seek healthcare in the Mexican public healthcare system. Her aim is to gain understanding of diseases from the patients' perspective and give voice to Mexican women on their experience with the health system.