

The International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement: Standardised outcomes that matter most to patients

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ICHOM was founded in 2012 to develop Standard Sets of outcome measures for the world's medical conditions and to then drive their adoption by healthcare institutions. It is our belief that the systematic measurement of Standard Sets of outcomes by institutions around the world, will enable, for the first time, global outcome comparisons. We think this will catalyze a new wave of learning for healthcare professionals, as we will be able to see where the greatest outcomes are being achieved and then learn from the processes that they have in place. We also believe that it will really inform patient choice. Since 2012 ICHOM has created Standard Sets of outcomes that matter most to patients for over 13 medical conditions. ICHOM is a not-for-profit organisation founded by Harvard Business School, Boston Consulting Group and the Karolinska Institute. Current metrics for care tend to capture processes and costs, and do not measure whether they achieve the outcomes which matter most to patients. Developing a globally agreed set of outcomes for populations will enable us to measure important outcomes for, and then compare, in a consistent manner, with other countries around the world. This will enable the identification of those systems with the best outcomes and the subsequent ability to learn from the processes that they have in place.