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How AGORA and its members can engage with, and benefit from, the work of the Global Remission Coalition



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Our purpose:

- Inform stakeholders about the value of remission
- Serve as the convening platform for remission stakeholders to collaborate in setting objectives, framing an advocacy narrative and conducting advocacy
- Act as a vehicle to support advocacy at the global, regional and national level
- Develop advocacy resources and campaigns that highlight the narrative about the value of remission to the patient, health systems and society



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GRC Membership

84 global, regional and national patient advocacy organisations – including AGORA from across 5 continents

A focus on chronic inflammatory conditions, especially RMDs

Led by a small Steering Committee of 6 expert patients (including Katy!)

Clinical input through a Medical Advisory Council (including Prof Loreto Carmona)









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Advocacy Priorities

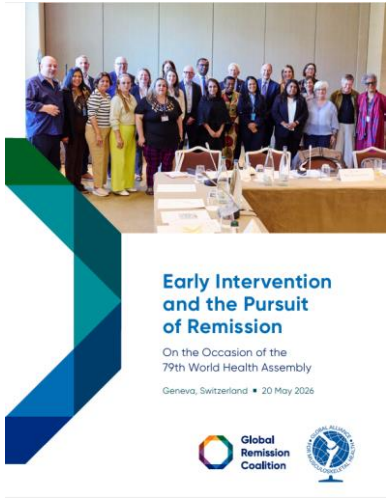
1. Guarantee early access
2. Adhere to best practice clinical guidelines
3. Empower patients with quality information
4. Promote public health campaigns
5. Enable a higher proportion of referrals to secondary care
6. Promote person-centred care

GRC calls on health systems to prioritise the pursuit of remission

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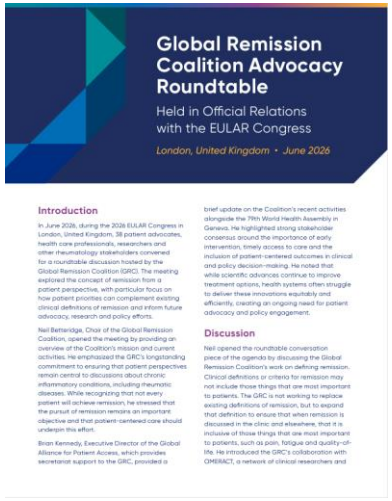
Recent Activities

World Health Assembly



A GRC and G-MUSC roundtable on reaching remission

EULAR Congress



A roundtable on patient priorities and clinical remission

Healthy Aging & Women Webinar



A webinar on women, chronic inflammatory conditions and healthy ageing

Explore the resources: globalremission.org/resources/

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Upcoming Activities – Please Engage!

THE PURSUIT OF REMISSION

Redefining Remission

Putting patients' experiences at the forefront of care

Remission, if raised as a treatment goal at all, is often discussed in the context of disease activity scores, blood tests and scans. The GRC believes that clinicians & health systems must also measure what matters most to patients: their quality of life.

Set remission as the goal

Early diagnosis and treatment help people with inflammatory arthritis reach it.

Measure more than the score

Disease activity scores, blood tests and scans miss day-to-day quality of life.

Pursue it together

Clinicians and patients decide what remission looks like, person to person.

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Share Your Stories

Storybanking and a new one-pager to share

STORYBANKING

We're collecting stories on what remission means to people living with inflammatory conditions. Send us yours, or point your community to the form.

Scan to submit a story

Or forward the form to your members and ask them to share what remission means to them.

BEYOND THE SCORE

A new one-pager making the case that remission must be measured by more than a disease activity score.



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World Arthritis Day

OCTOBER 12

2026 CAMPAIGN: **REMISSION IS MORE THAN A NUMBER**

“More Than a Number”

Video Campaign & Corresponding Resources

Fill in the blank:

Remission is more than a number, it’s _____

Being able to tie my own shoes.

Living pain free

Picking up my grandchildren.

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Interested in Participating?

Email ogiovenco@woodberryassociates.com or scan the QR code to get detailed instructions on recording and submitting your video!

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Remission Paper on Patient Perspectives

An evidence-based argument for giving patient priorities greater weight when assessing remission

- A commentary and advocacy tool informed by existing evidence
- Builds on valuable clinical approaches that do not go far enough (yet!)
- Aims to inform future clinical practice and guidelines

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What Matters to Patients

Pain, fatigue and independence are central to the patient experience

- Clinical assessments and lived experience may tell different stories
- Remission discussions need room for daily life and personal goals
- The paper will explore barriers to those conversations

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Working with OMERACT

Research expertise and advocacy expertise working together

- OMERACT contributes research experience and expertise
- GRC contributes advocacy expertise and public awareness
- GRC committees and members are helping to shape the paper

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Supporting Your Work - National Advocacy

After publication, GRC will work with national organizations to promote the paper

- Provide tools to help organisations communicate its messages
- Offer translation of tools
- Use the paper to support dialogue with clinicians and policymakers

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Upcoming Webinar

Unmet Needs in LMICs for People Living with Chronic Inflammatory Conditions

Date: 28 September
Time: 13:00-13:30 CEST

The webinar will combine a practical case study from Ghana with a broader global perspective on care for people living with chronic inflammatory conditions, examining how health systems can move toward earlier, more effective and more person-centered care amidst resource constraints.



Speakers:
Dr. Andrew Briggs, Curtin University, Australia

Dr. Dzifa Dey and Franklin Hiagbe, The Rheumatology Initiative, Ghana

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Other Upcoming Events

Date	Event
12 (to 19) October	World Arthritis Day
3 November	Remission Roundtable, Brussels
6 – 11 November	ACR Congress, Orlando (TBC)
September - December	National Policy Events • Taiwan • China • Brazil • Europe x2 – watch this space! • Autoantibody Diseases Workshop (virtual)

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Let’s discuss what the GRC can do to help YOUR organisation!

Thank you!

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