

## What is important from a patient's perspective?

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Of essential importance...

**Hope**



# Hope

- For a cure
- For manageable side effects
- For pain relief that works
  - Without feeling like a zombie
- For clinicians who listen
  - Who attend to what is said
  - Who seek to understand
  - Who treat the patient as an individual, with a context
- For a society that shows greater understanding
  - Of the disease
  - Of the effects of the treatments



# A help for hope: a QoL tool...

- Whose purpose is clear
- That adapts to the patient
- That does not assume we are all the same
  - i.e. is dynamic and not static
  - Not a Procrustean Bed
- That feeds back into the patient's medical record
  - And helps the clinician to ask the right questions
  - And listen to the answers
  - And act upon them

Patients need a QoL measure that benefits the patient



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