## ROLE OF GENERAL PRACTICIONAIRES (GPs) IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ANKILOSYNG SPONDILITYS

ANMAR Italia



Supported by its Scientific Committee and the audit and approval of SIR (Italian Society of Rheumatologists) ANMAR will create a questionnaire / red flags paper, aiming to achieve the following of a number of goals for patients and GPs.



## **AIMS**

- GPs empowerment on rheumatic diseases
- Referral to the Rheumatologist as soon as possible
- Early diagnosis of diseases up to now made in great delay (and often too late)
- Collecting data about how many patients underwent a Rheumatological consultations due to suggestion of GPs
- What we can do to raise awareness in the Institution about the significance of early diagnosis of diseases so much disabling and impacting on QOL of people who suffer of.

## **METHODS**

- ☐ Red flags has been char-ged on NetMedicalItalia, the intranet platform used in two selected italian regions by GPs to manage their patient's data.
- A newsletter has been sent to the GPs every other week, since June 15 to September 30 2021
- A subsequent monitoring action is now leading to know:
  - how many patients, sent to the rheumatolgist due to the red flags, went back to the GP for taking in care
  - How many patients suffering of back pain underwent the red flag analisys.

## **RESULTS** (expected)

Nowaday we are closing the monitoring and measuring pro-cess, so we can't show the final data of this trial, specifically designed to provide an in-crease of:

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- ✓ <u>level of knowledge of back</u> <u>pain smptoms</u>
- ✓ capability to identify red flags and early referral to the rheumatologist
- percentage of AS diagnosis (and, if possible, of early AS diagnosis)

