

AstraZeneca, PatientsLikeMe to partner for global research

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AstraZeneca and PatientsLikeMe announce global research collaboration



In a major step forward to make patient-centric evidence a cornerstone of scientific discovery and development, AstraZeneca and PatientsLikeMe have signed a five-year agreement to provide access to PatientsLikeMe's global network in support of AstraZeneca's patient-driven research initiatives.

AstraZeneca will use patient-reported data from PatientsLikeMe to shape the future of its medicine development and help improve outcomes across its main therapeutic areas, with an initial focus on respiratory disease, lupus, diabetes, and oncology.

"Understanding what patients are experiencing every day and how they define the value of their treatments are fundamental to our ability to push the boundaries of science in developing the next-generation of medicines," said Mr Briggs Morrison, executive VP Global Medicines Development, AstraZeneca.

He added, "Our partnership with PatientsLikeMe will help us harness the important perspectives of patients through their advanced technology and real-world, real-time evidence to support our research and development programmes."

Mr Ed Godber, executive VP, Life Science Ventures, PatientsLikeMe said, "It's rare to find a partner so committed to listening to and integrating the patient voice into the heart of its scientific development and operations. We're excited to work together to transform the discovery and healthcare model and develop products and services tailored to what patients experience and truly need."