

# *Beyond Patient Journals -* **Using GAS to Capture the Patient Voice**

**Ardea Insights Webinar Series**

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# Poll #1

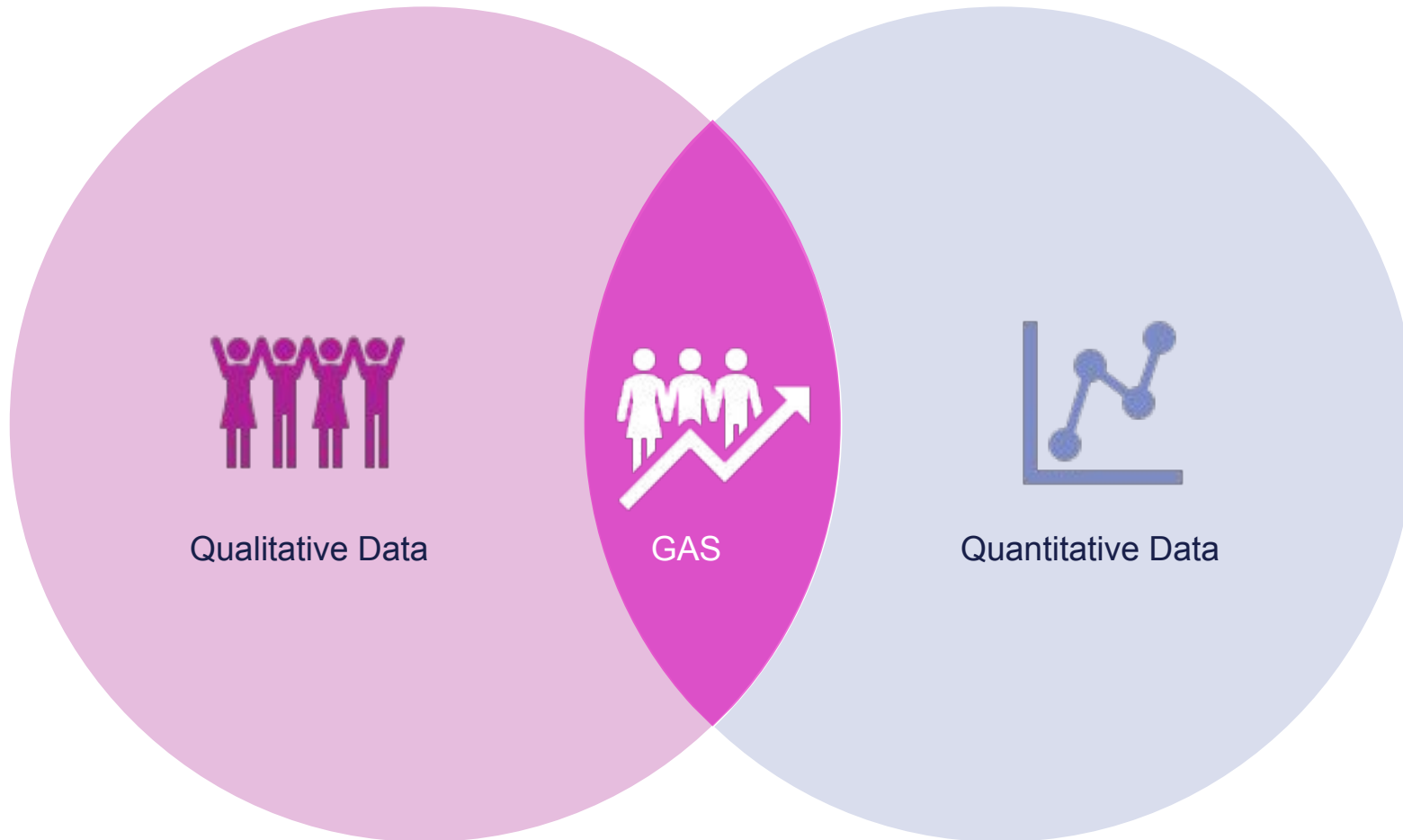


# Webinar Objectives

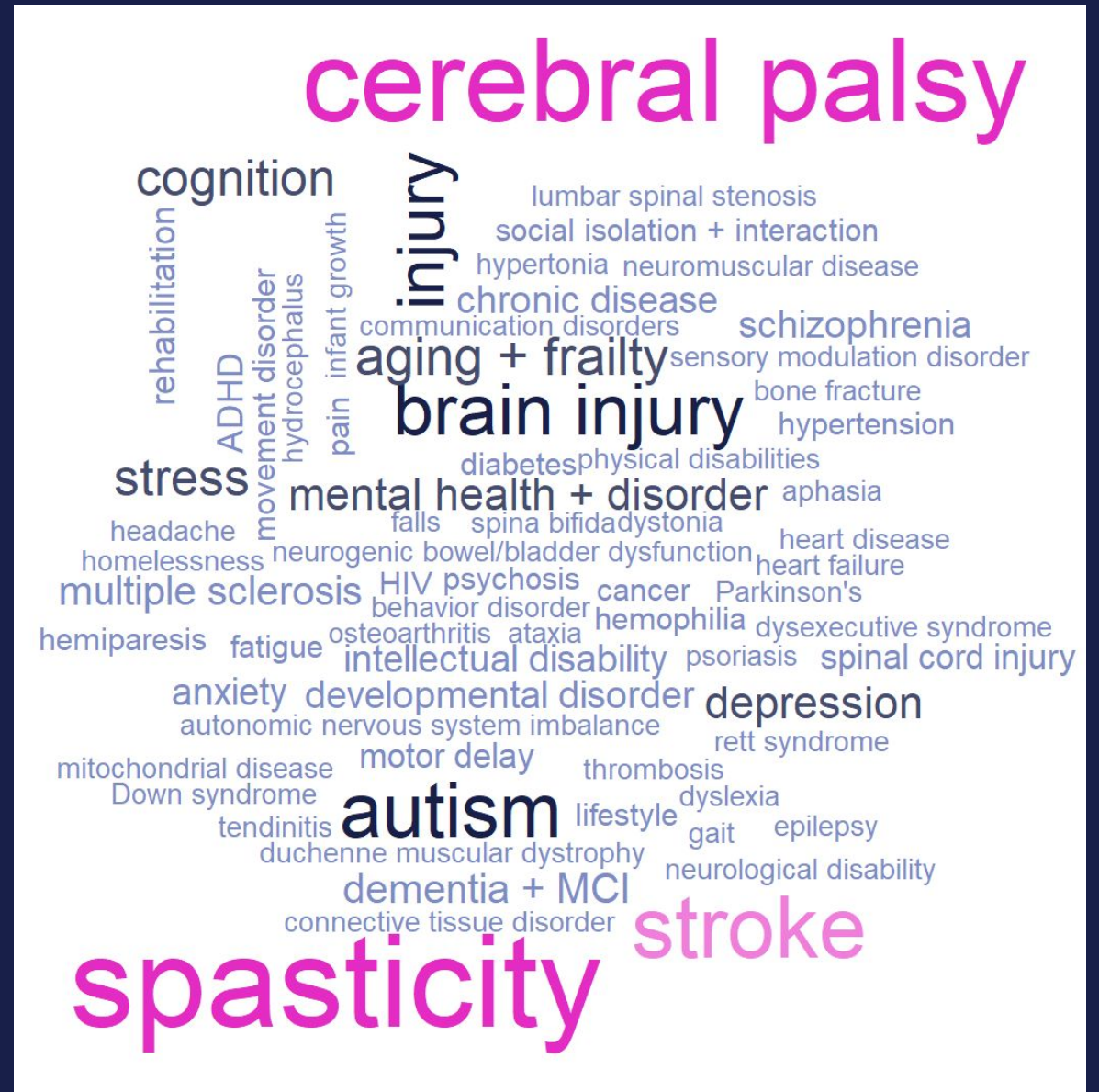
- 1) **General understanding of Goal Attainment Scaling (GAS)**
  - a) Overview of GAS
  - b) Value as an GAS endpoint
  - c) Basics of the GAS method
- 2) **Insights into the interpretation of GAS data in Clinical Development**
  - a) A GAS Success Story: Using GAS to evaluate therapeutic interventions in Cerebral Palsy
  - b) Common pitfalls with standardized measures and how GAS can help

**GOAL ATTAINMENT SCALING**  
**MEASURES THE EXTENT TO WHICH**  
**A PATIENT'S INDIVIDUAL GOALS**  
**ARE ACHIEVED WITH INTERVENTION.**

# GAS data can generate both quantitative and qualitative insights.



GOAL ATTAINMENT  
SCALING IS GAINING  
PROMINENCE IN  
IN RESEARCH.





# GAS provides value throughout the clinical development lifecycle.

PHASE 01

PHASE 02

PHASE 03

PHASE 04

➤ GAS is a **Patient-Centric Outcome Measure**

➤ GAS may be used Phase 1B onward

Phase 4 → Reported by patients as a PRO/RWE

Phase 1→4: GAS is facilitated by a Clinician: some similarities to a Clin-RO but coming from the patient

Best **introduced early**  
in clinical development

Data shows **efficacy**  
and **effectiveness**

Data is **inherently**  
**clinically meaningful**  
and relevant

**Modified GAS data**  
**captured direct from**  
**patients or caregivers**

✓ Changes the nature of the dialogue  
between patient and clinician

✓ GAS data is meaningful to patients,  
caregivers, sponsors and regulators

✓ Promotes shared decision-making  
✓ Incorporates wishes and concerns of  
patients or caregivers

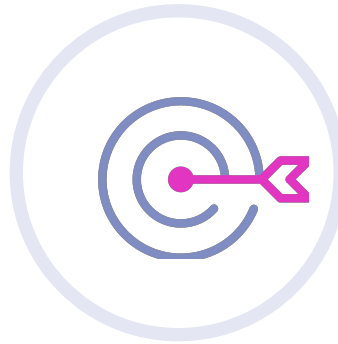
✓ GAS is motivating  
✓ GAS can promote adherence

# Goal Attainment Scaling is a three step process.



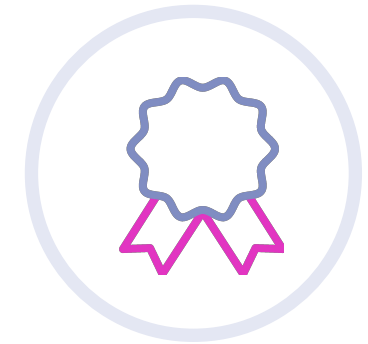
## IDENTIFY GOALS

Clinician to facilitate interview for subject or caregiver to identify goals



## BUILD GAS SCALES

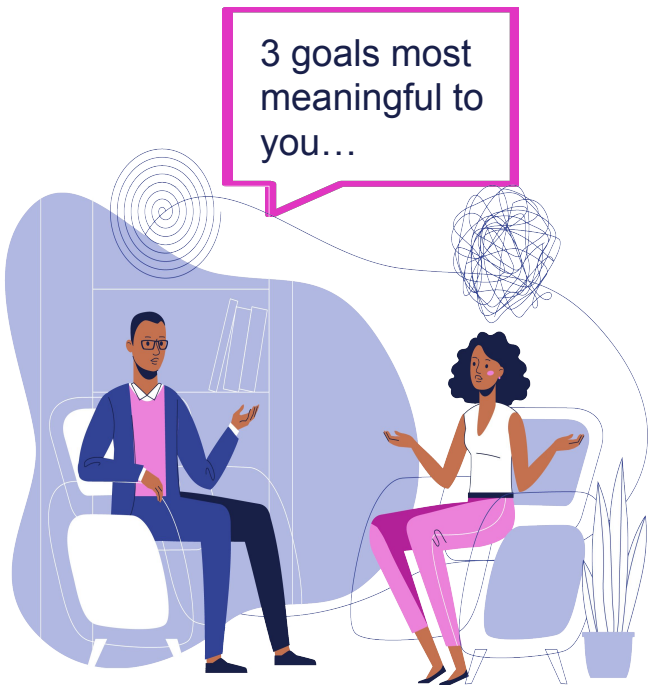
Set the 5-point goal attainment scale for each identified goal



## MEASURE ATTAINMENT

Rate during follow-up whether the goals have been attained

# The Goal-Setting Visit focuses on what is important to the participant.



Goal Title



Much Better than the Goal



+2

Somewhat Better than the Goal

+1

The Goal

0

Baseline Status

-1

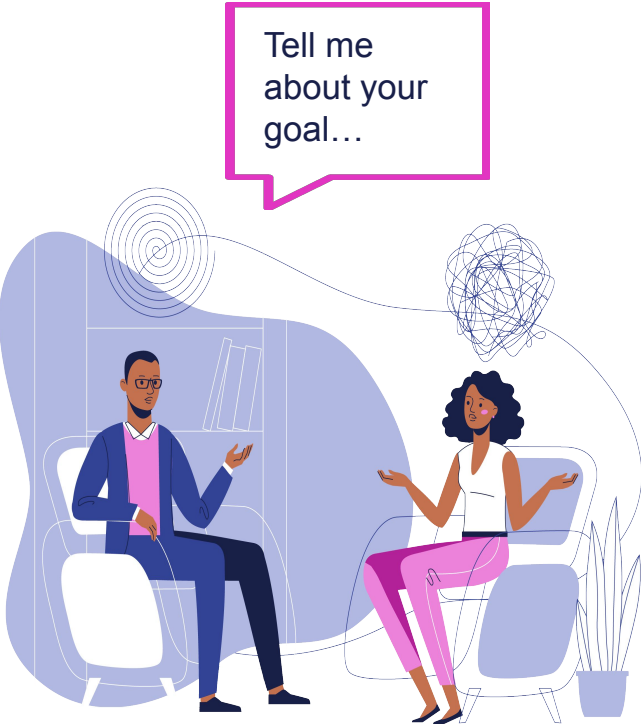
Much Worse than the Goal

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# During Follow-Up Visits clinicians and participants rate goal attainment.

	Subject Rating	GAS Interviewer Rating
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<b>Somewhat Better than the Goal</b> Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud exercitation ullamco laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat.	<input type="radio"/> +1	<input type="radio"/> +1
<b>The Goal</b> Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua. Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 0
<b>Baseline Status</b> Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor.	<input type="radio"/> -1	<input type="radio"/> -1
<b>Much Worse than the Goal</b> Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor.	<input type="radio"/> -2	<input type="radio"/> -2



# Poll #2

## A GAS Success Story:

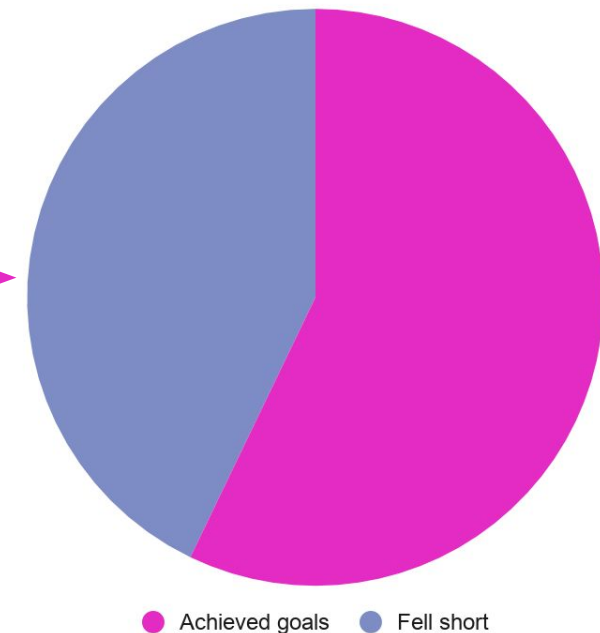
Using GAS to evaluate therapeutic interventions in children with cerebral palsy



# Cerebral palsy was one of the first complex disease areas to embrace GAS.

First used with children in a phase II trial,  
**GAS showed promise** in measuring functional outcomes.

- All children made progress on their goals
- At 6 months: **8/14 children had GAS T-scores  $\geq 50$**  →
- Standardized outcomes showed no change

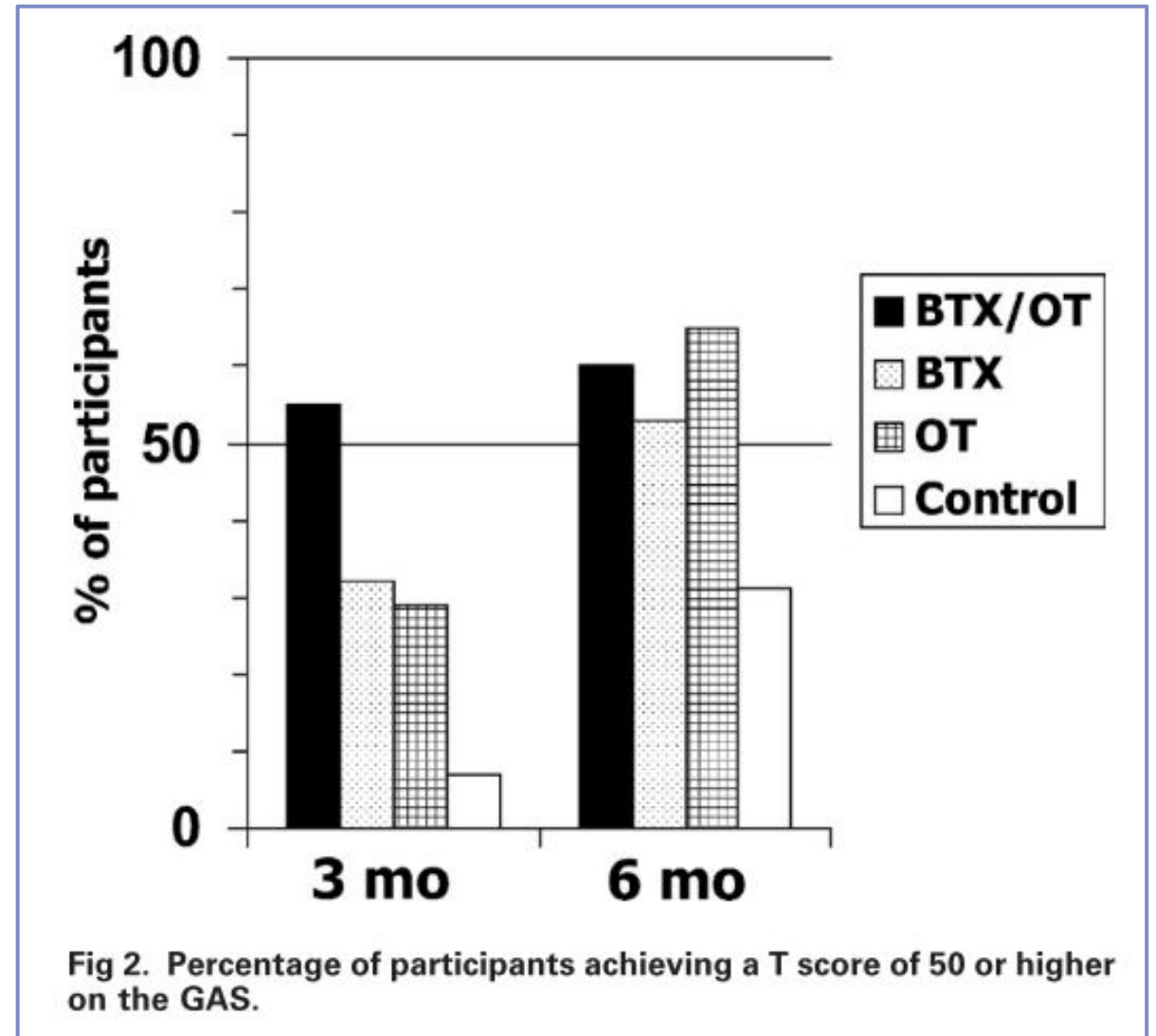


Wallen et al. Functional outcomes of intramuscular botulinum toxin type a in the upper limbs of children with cerebral palsy: a phase II trial. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil.* 2004;85(2):192-200. doi:10.1016/j.apmr.2003.05.008

Cerebral palsy was one of the first complex disease areas to embrace GAS.

Following positive results from phase II, **GAS** was chosen as a primary outcome in phase III.

“Families had no difficulty in identifying several functional goals and indicated that the process was very positive.”



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**GAS is focused and  
comprehensive by design.**



# Standardized outcomes can be cumbersome and may miss important change.

By allowing patients to identify their most important outcomes, **GAS** is both focused and comprehensive by design.

“The failure to detect change on this measure reinforces the need to select outcome measures of specific goals of importance to families ... Change on those areas targeted by families may have been subsumed into the large number of items of the PEDI, many of which were not targeted as goals for intervention.”

- Wallen et al. 2007

## Example: the Pediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory (PEDI)

Table 1. CONTENT OF THE PEDIATRIC EVALUATION OF DISABILITY INVENTORY

	Self-Care Domain	Mobility Domain	Social Function Domain
Functional skills scales	Types of food textures Use of utensils Use of drinking containers Toothbrushing Hairbrushing Nose care Handwashing Washing body and face Pullover/front-opening garments Fasteners Pants Shoes/socks Toileting tasks Management of bladder Management of bowel	Toilet transfers Chair/wheelchair transfers Car transfers Bed mobility/transfers Tub transfers Method of indoor locomotion Distance/speed indoors Pulls/carries objects Method of outdoor locomotion Distance/speed outdoors Outdoor surfaces Upstairs Downstairs	Comprehension of word meanings Comprehension of sentence complexity Functional use of expressive communication Complexity of expressive communication Problem resolution Social interactive play Peer interactions Self-information Time orientation Household chores Self-protection Community function
Complex activities assessed with caregiver assistance and modifications scales	Eating Grooming Bathing Dressing upper body Dressing lower body Toileting Bladder management Bowel management	Chair/toilet transfers Car transfers Bed mobility/transfers Tub transfers Indoor locomotion Outdoor locomotion Stairs	Functional comprehension Functional expression Joint problem solving Peer play Safety

Haley et al. Pediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory: Clinical Interpretation of Summary Scores Using Rasch Rating Scale Methodology. Phys Med Rehabil Clin N Am. 1993;4(3):529-540.

# Standardized outcomes can be cumbersome and may miss important change.

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Example: the Pediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory (**PEDI**) and the Gross Motor Function Measure (**GMFM**)

Description of the activity	ICF-CY Classification	Frequency of its use in the GAS scales
Acquiring skills to use writing implements	d1450	1
Using general skills and strategies of the writing process	d1700	1
Discussion with one person	d3550	1
Using writing machines	d3601	1
Grasping	d4401	1
Manipulating	d4402	5
Fine hand use	d440	2
Sports	d9201	1
Total		13

13/64 (20%) of **goals** were **not covered** by either the PEDI or the GMFM-66.

**GAS embraces heterogeneity of  
disease expression and severity.**



# Standardized outcomes may fail to capture heterogeneity of disease expression.

By allowing for personalized outcomes, **GAS embraces heterogeneity of disease expression.**

“Further, using these individualized outcomes resolved some of the difficulties of finding consistent measurement tools across our **clinically representative but heterogenous group of children with CP.**”

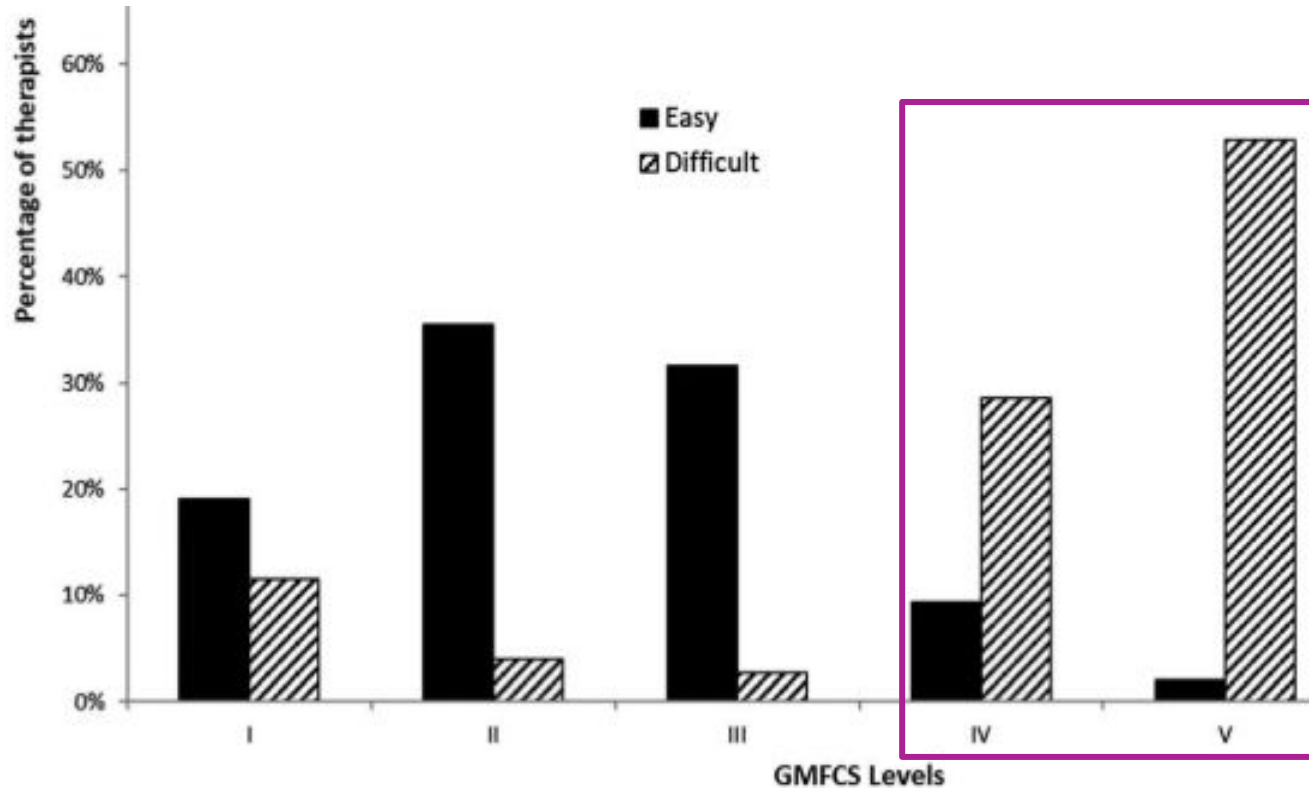
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“Failure to detect improvement with a general quantitative measurement instrument could be caused by lack of sensitivity to a change at individual level... **functional treatment goals need to be well-defined and tailored to the individuals needs of the patients and the parents.**”

Steenbeek et al. The effect of botulinum toxin type A treatment of the lower extremity on the level of functional abilities in children with cerebral palsy: Evaluation with goal attainment scaling. *Clin Rehabil.* 2005;19(3):274-282.

# Standardized outcomes may fail to capture the range of disease severity.

By allowing for personalized outcomes, **GAS** embraces heterogeneity of disease severity across the study population.



**81% of therapists reported difficulty in selecting responsive outcome measures for children with more severe impairment.**

**GAS offers additional insights  
into the patient experience and  
how the intervention is working.**

# Patient-centered outcomes are increasingly expected in clinical development.

GAS meets this need by generating **qualitative insights about the patient experience.**

**Table 5: Categories of Goals Selected by Participants and Families, and Most Frequently Identified Goals Within Each Category**

Goal Category	%* (n)	Most Frequently Identified Goals Within Each Category
Leisure	27 (89)	Catching a ball (n=22) Maintain grasp on bike/scooter handle (n=8)
Dressing	23 (77)	Pushing arm through a sleeve (n=29) Pulling up pants/underpants (n=11)
Eating	21 (70)	Holding a bowl/plate (n=20) Maintaining a knife, fork or spoon in hand (n=20) Holding a cup/bottle to drink (n=18)
Postural/weight bearing	13 (44)	More aesthetic posture of arm while walking/running (n=7) Holding a walker (n=7) Weight bearing while sitting (n=5)
School/preschool	10 (32)	Stabilizing paper to write or draw (n=19) Use a communication or toy switch (n=6)
Other self-care	7 (23)	Dressing in relation to toileting (n=4) Washing self (n=4)
Other	1 (5)	Using arm for signing to communicate (n=2)

\*Total number of goals is 334; values are percentage of total goals set.

“It has been enlightening to note that the largest category of goals was related to leisure activities. This reinforced the need to consider leisure as an important focus for intervention.”

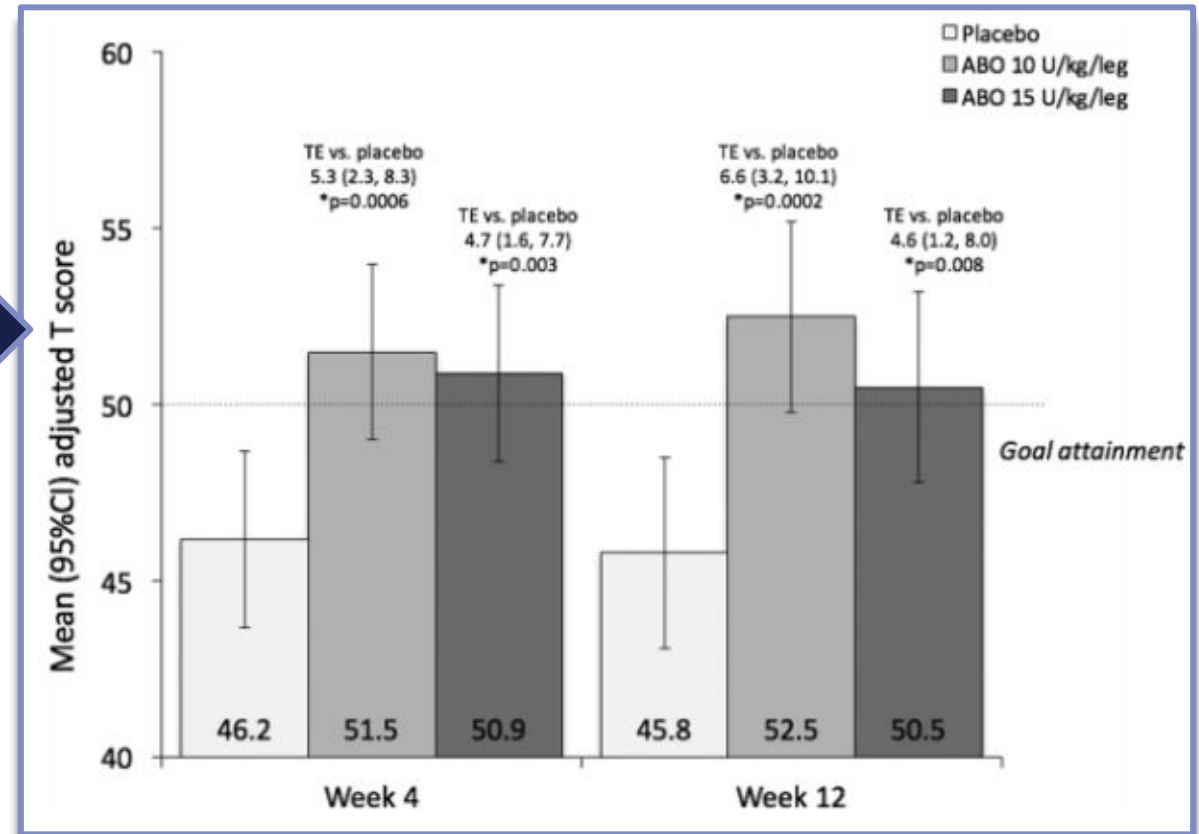


# GAS offers valuable qualitative insights beyond overall treatment efficacy.

Which goals were attained or not attained tells us how the treatment is working.

First-order of inference

Higher overall goal attainment in active treatment vs placebo at 4 weeks, and maintained at 12 weeks.



Tilton et al. AbobotulinumtoxinA (Dysport®) Improves Function According to Goal Attainment in Children With Dynamic Equinus Due to Cerebral Palsy. *J Child Neurol.* 2017;32(5):482-487.

# GAS offers valuable qualitative insights beyond overall treatment efficacy.

Which goals were attained or not attained tells us how the treatment is working.

Second-order of inference

5 most commonly selected goals:  
attainment higher in active treatment  
groups vs placebo

With one exception: improved balance.

**Table 2.** Responder Analyses for Achievement of Primary Goal and for the Five Most Commonly Chosen Individual Goals.<sup>a</sup>

	Placebo group (n = 77)	AbobotulinumtoxinA 10 U/kg group (n = 79)	AbobotulinumtoxinA 15 U/kg group (n = 79)
Primary goal achievement (at any time during study), n (%)	47/76 (62)	62/79 (79)	60/79 (76)
Individual goal analysis			
Improved walking pattern			
Best goal attainment T score, mean (SD)	45.4 (8.8)	54.2 (9.6)	52.7 (10.0)
Responder rate at week 4, n (%)	21/53 (40)	38/48 (79)	38/63 (60)
Responder rate at week 12, n (%)	19/49 (39)	31/43 (72)	38/60 (63)
Improved balance			
Best goal attainment T score, mean (SD)	47.9 (7.9)	51.3 (9.2)	48.5 (10.8)
Responder rate at week 4, n (%)	10/19 (53)	18/29 (62)	10/26 (39)
Responder rate at week 12, n (%)	9/16 (56)	16/26 (62)	14/25 (56)
Decreased frequency of falling			
Best goal attainment T score, mean (SD)	50.4 (10.6)	59.1 (11.5)	56.5 (10.6)
Responder rate at week 4, n (%)	14/25 (56)	18/22 (82)	18/26 (69)
Responder rate at week 12, n (%)	8/19 (42)	18/20 (90)	17/24 (71)
Decreased frequency of tripping			
Best goal attainment T score, mean (SD)	51.5 (12.8)	52.5 (10.6)	57.1 (9.9)
Responder rate at week 4, n (%)	6/13 (46)	9/16 (56)	13/17 (77)
Responder rate at week 12, n (%)	8/13 (62)	9/14 (64)	14/16 (88)
Improved endurance			
Best goal attainment T score, mean (SD)	50.0 (8.9)	56.1 (7.8)	58.2 (10.8)
Responder rate at week 4, n (%)	6/11 (55)	13/18 (72)	7/11 (64)
Responder rate at week 12, n (%)	5/11 (46)	14/16 (88)	10/11 (91)

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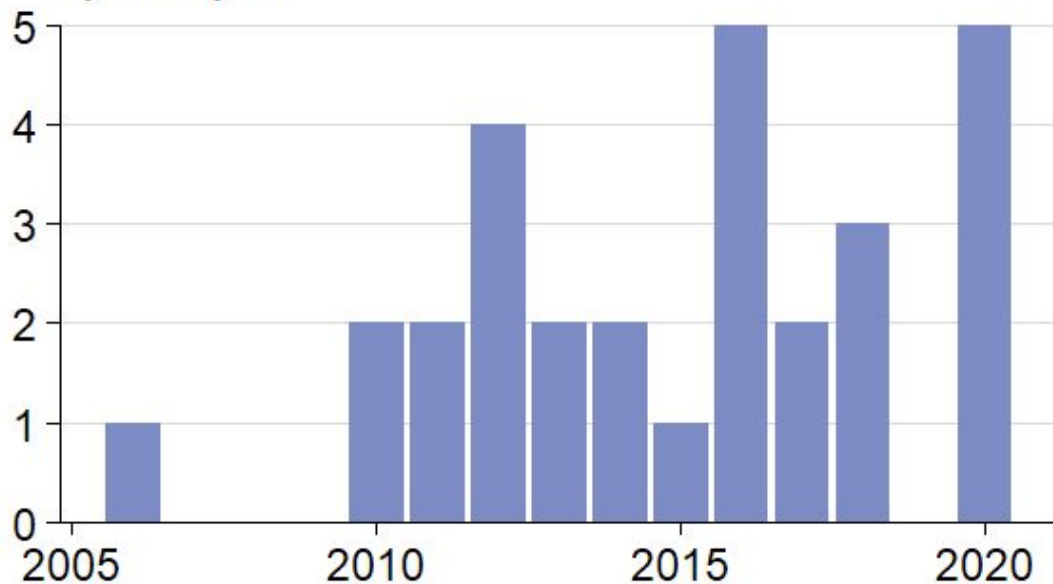
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**GAS embraces heterogeneity.**

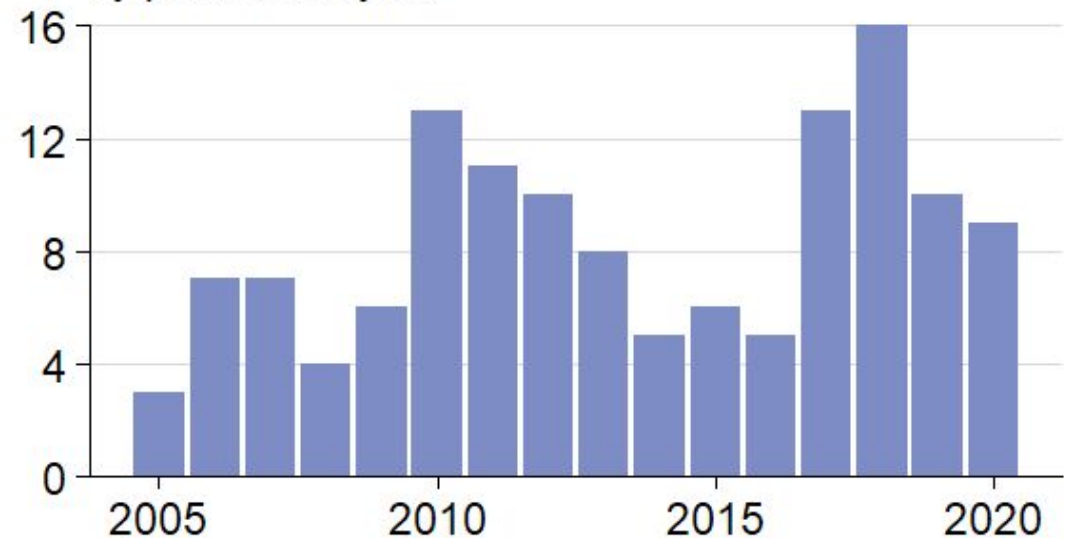
**GAS generates patient experience data  
and qualitative insights.**

# GAS has proven a valuable tool in trials and research of cerebral palsy.

Number of cerebral palsy clinical trials using GAS, by start year



Number of papers on PubMed with "cerebral palsy" and "goal attainment", by publication year





# Poll #3

# Discussion

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