

## Rare DERM Community

Value Proposition

# Common Challenges and Potential Gains of Rare Dermatology Patients

### **Key Challenges**

- Invisible or highly visible conditions with high physical, emotional and social burdens
- Significant stigmatisation of people with rare dermatological conditions in many cultures/countries
- Rare dermatological conditions are not taken seriously by different stakeholders (viewed as cosmetic)
- Inequities in access to rare dermatological treatments and care in comparison to more common conditions
- Lack of dermatologists specialised in rare conditions
- Lack of investment in rare dermatology research

### **Key Potential Gains**

- Leverage collective power to address key problems faced by rare dermatology patient communities
- Greater awareness and understanding about rare dermatological conditions
- More humanised, integrated care for rare dermatological conditions
- Clinicians and researchers interested in rare dermatological conditions
- Investment by pharma companies in the research and development of therapies for rare dermatological conditions

# Common Challenges and Potential Gains of Rare Dermatology Patient Organizations

### **Key Challenges**

- Lack of financial and human resources
- Many are volunteer-run organisations with limited capacity and capability

#### **Key Potential Gains**

- Secure funds to ensure organisational sustainability
- Connect with/reach people with rare dermatology conditions
- Have sufficient epidemiological data and patient evidence to support advocacy efforts
- Have sufficient advocacy know-how (e.g. engaging with pharma companies)

## RareDERM's Original Vision and Mission

## **VISION**

A world in which people with rare dermatological conditions and diseases lead healthy and fulfilling lives

## **MISSION**

RareDERM is an international movement for people living with rare dermatological conditions, lead by the International Alliance of Dermatology Patient Organizations, which is:

- Uniting patient voices
- Empowering patient organizations
- Stimulating research
- Influencing decision makers
- Collaborating with communities of interest

## RareDERM's Updated Vision and Mission

## **VISION**

A world full of empowered and influential RareDERM patient organisations that are capable of delivering significant value for their community

## **MISSION**



- connect with colleagues and strategic stakeholders
- share know-how and resources
- take collective action to address common problems



## Connect

#### **Potential Tactics**

- gather RareDERM members at ongoing forum and conference opportunities
- convene RareDERM
  members with interested
  stakeholders including
  dermatologists,
  pharmaceutical companies,
  researchers

## Share

#### **Potential Tactics**

- create communities of practice to share experience and know-how
- co-develop templates and toolkits

## Act

#### **Potential Tactics**

- build a team of RareDERMAmbassadors
- co-develop and publish policy papers
- co-create common messaging for Rare Disease Day campaigns