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Current Research Interests

Dr. Thomas Atkinson is a trained psychometrician and outcomes researcher with expertise in quantitative and qualitative methodology. He serves as the Co-Director of the MSK Patient-Reported Outcomes, Community Engagement, and Language Core Facility. In this role, Dr. Atkinson has led the mixed methods validation of numerous state-of-the-art PRO measures and served as an investigator to facilitate all aspects of the development of the NCI's Patient-Reported Outcomes Version of the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (PRO-CTCAE). Dr. Atkinson's current line of independent research focuses on understanding how artificial intelligence, machine learning, and natural language processing-based techniques can be leveraged to help us better understand nuanced patient free text reporting of treatment- or disease-related symptoms or adverse events. This work seeks to improve the incorporation of patient voice into clinical decision-making.

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Thomas Atkinson discloses the following relationships and financial interests:

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