Unified Multiple System Atrophy Rating Scale (UMSARS)
Introduction to the European Reference Network for Rare Neurological Diseases (ERN-RND):

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The following disease groups are covered by ERN-RND:

- Ataxias and Hereditary Spastic Paraplegias
- Atypical Parkinsonism and genetic PD
- Dystonia, Paroxysmal Disorder and Neurodegeneration with Brain Ion Accumulation
- Frontotemporal Dementia
- Huntingtons’ Disease and other Chorces
- Leukodystrophies

Specific information about the network, the expert centres and the diseases covered can be found at the networks web site www.ern-rnd.eu.

Recommendation for clinical use:

The European Reference Network for Rare Neurological Diseases recommends the use of the Unified Multiple System Atrophy Rating Scale (UMSARS) as best clinical practice for the assessment and rating of Multiple System Atrophy.
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METHODOLOGY

The endorsement process has been performed by the Disease group for Atypical Parkinson of ERN-RND.

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**Endorsement process:**

- Mapping of used disease scales by disease group – June 2017– May 2018
- Proposal for endorsement of rating scale by ERN-RND disease group coordinators – 15/05/2018
- Discussion in ERN-RND disease group during annual meeting – 08/06/2018
- Consent on endorsement of disease scale during ERN-RND annual meeting 2018 – 08/06/2018
- Consent on endorsement by whole disease group – 25.09.2018
REFERENCE