

**Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Programs to Promote Appropriate Medication Use and Knowledge: Patient Experiences with REMS Programs**

**Recruitment Messages**

Email to Forward to Patient Group Membership-Clozapine, Pegvaliase-pqgz

Dear [Patient Support Group Name] Members,

I am a faculty member at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, and I am conducting research on Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) programs, which the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires the manufacturers of certain medications to implement. My project team and I are seeking to better understand the benefits and burdens of REMS programs on patient care. Our work is being funded by the FDA and does not involve any pharmaceutical companies.

We would like to extend an invitation to those of you who are 18 years or over who have started taking or care for someone who has started taking [drug name]—a REMS program-covered drug—in the past 3 years to participate in a 60-minute phone interview on your experiences. Your participation is voluntary. If you choose not to take part, it will not affect your affiliation with your support group in any way. If you choose to take part, your answers will be treated confidentially, and you will receive a **\$50 Amazon gift card** as a token of appreciation for your participation.

If you meet the above condition and are interested in participating in the study, please email me at [asarpawari@bwh.harvard.edu](mailto:asarpawari@bwh.harvard.edu) with the subject line "REMS Patient Interview."

Thank you very much for your consideration of this invitation.

Best,

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