

Survey Feedback on PROs in SWOG Trials: Potential changes SWOG will consider

123 responses were received from a survey distributed to the Lead ORPs and the ORP listserv prior to the September 2026 Patient-Reported Outcomes webinar. Many respondents had suggestions for changes that would improve the process for them and SWOG. This is a summary of potential changes that SWOG will consider.

Protocol Section 15

- Make Section 15 the primary site-centric PRO resource in the protocol. Other sections can mention PROs and refer back to Section 15
- Add a specific PRO calendar
- Be clear that PRO administration should continue according to the pre-specified schedule, even if treatment ends and/or the patient experiences progression
- Indicate the timing and allowable administration windows in Section 15, not just in a footnote in Section 9 (Calendar)
- Ensure instructions related to PROs are very clear throughout the protocol
- Add suggested accommodations for participants whose symptoms are interfering with their ability to complete PROs independently

Administration Schedule

- When appropriate, have the same PROs at all administration time points.
- When appropriate, align PRO time points with clinical assessments
 - Intentional calendaring
 - Wider administration windows for PROs to accommodate clinical delays
- Reports: there were a variety of suggestions for reports to facilitate timely administration.
 - ***If you have ideas, please contact us at cancercontrolquestion@crab.org!***

General

- Use larger font size on PROs intended to be completed on paper
- Organize the PRO packets on CTSU by language and time point (if there are different PROs at different time points)
- Ensure each PRO is named consistently between the PDF completed by participants, Rave, and the protocol
- Provide your feedback to the PRO Core, who guide and advise the Study Chairs who are developing the studies with PROs.