

America's Choice Provider Network Partners with Scipher Medicine to Improve Patient Outcomes and Lower Costs for Rheumatoid Arthritis Care

PrismRA® Blood Test Supports Personalized Treatment for RA Patients

WALTHAM, Mass. (Dec. 1, 2021) - [Scipher Medicine](#), a precision immunology company matching patients with their most effective medication therapy, today announced a partnership with America's Choice Provider Network (ACPN), an independent, multi-specialty national provider network, to offer ACPN customers access to PrismRA. PrismRA is the only blood test commercially available that informs personalized treatment decisions for patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

Even though there are five commonly prescribed classes of targeted therapy, an estimated 90% of RA patients are prescribed tumor necrosis factor inhibitor (TNFi) therapies, the world's largest selling drug class. Unfortunately, nearly two-thirds of patients do not respond clinically to TNFi therapy, resulting in accelerated disease progression and bone erosion and increased use of pain medication to manage symptoms. PrismRA identifies patients unlikely to respond to TNFi drugs, enabling non-responders to be prescribed alternative FDA-approved therapy from day one that could significantly improve clinical outcomes.

"Rheumatoid arthritis drug therapy is a significant challenge faced by our network of providers, payers, and members," said Todd Breeden, chief executive officer of ACPN. "PrismRA is uniquely positioned to improve care and outcomes and reduce healthcare spending."

"We are proud to partner with America's Choice Provider Network, a company that shares our commitment to solving one of health care's biggest challenges," said Alif Saleh, chief executive officer of Scipher Medicine. "RA is incurable, so it is critical to match patients with effective medications as quickly as possible to maintain their quality of life and to prevent avoidable expense to them and the health care system."

Molecular data generated from PrismRA further fuels the development of Scipher Medicine's test pipeline targeting autoimmune diseases with low drug response rates, including ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and multiple sclerosis. In addition to developing tests that predict which existing and approved drug a patient will respond to, our Spectra™ platform also enables partnerships with pharmaceutical companies to develop new drug therapies.

RA is an autoimmune and inflammatory disease, which means a person's immune system attacks healthy cells, causing painful swelling in the affected parts of the body, usually joints in the hands, wrists, and knees. There is no cure for RA, making early condition management critical to patient care. About 1.5 million Americans have RA, and women are two times more likely than men to get RA, according to the Arthritis Foundation.

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About America's Choice Provider Network

ACPN is an independent, multi-specialty national provider network that has developed its own proprietary network and technology for the purpose of achieving consistency in healthcare transactions, simplifying claims adjudication processes, creating reasonable reimbursement arrangements and establishing reliable healthcare access for all parties; providers, payers and patients. More than 30 million Americans have access to ACPN's network through a client base consisting of Insurance Carriers, Third Party Administrators, Health and Welfare Funds, Employer Groups and Self-Insured Health Plans. Visit www.acpnusa.com for more information.

About PrismRA®

PrismRA is a revolutionary blood test bringing precision medicine to the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, which affects 20 million patients globally. From a routine blood draw, the PrismRA test analyzes an individual's molecular signature, helping identify who is unlikely to adequately respond to TNFi therapy, the world's largest selling drug class, so non-responders can be prescribed alternative effective therapy and avoid unnecessary dose escalations or drug cycles. Providers now have objective data to guide therapeutic decision-making and give patients the best chance of achieving treatment targets and improving clinical outcomes. For more information, please visit www.PrismRA.com.

About Scipher Medicine®

Scipher Medicine, a precision immunology company matching patients with their most effective medication therapy, believes that patients deserve simple answers to treatment options based on scientific data. Using Spectra™, our proprietary network medicine platform, we commercialize tests revealing a person's unique molecular disease signature and match it to the most effective therapy, ensuring optimal treatment from day one. The patient molecular data generated from our tests further supports the discovery and development of novel and more effective therapeutics. We partner with leading payers, health care providers, and pharmaceutical companies to bring solutions to patients with autoimmune diseases. Visit <http://www.sciphermedicine.com> and follow Scipher Medicine on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

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