

# BARRIERS TO RARE DISEASE DIAGNOSIS, CARE AND TREATMENT IN THE US:

*A 30-Year Comparative Analysis*



NORD® led a study, published in 1989, to identify the barriers and facilitators of rare disease diagnosis, care, and treatment in the United States. In 2019, NORD conducted a second study to comparatively assess how the experiences of rare disease patients have changed over time.

88%



of people reported that they would consider using an investigational treatment in 2019, **compared to 62% in 1989**

36%



of respondents had been diagnosed with a rare disease within the first year in 2019, **compared to 51% in 1989**

17%



of individuals in 2019 had already relocated or were considering relocating to access care for their rare disease, **compared to just 8% in 1989**

16%



of individuals in 2019 reported that they had already participated in a clinical trial for their rare disease, **compared to 12% in 1989**



2%

of respondents in 2019 reported that they did not have health insurance **versus 9% in 1989**

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