EUROPEAN
HEALTH FORUM
GASTEIN

de Lemus Belmonte, Mencía
SMA Europe

Mencía de Lemus is a patient representative who has been working on the inclusion of the patient’s voice for over a decade. For the past three years she has been a member of the Committee for Advanced Therapies at the EMA representing patients. Her focus is on rare diseases where she assesses clinical trials and real world evidence to ensure that the data captured is meaningful to patients. Mencía has also an interest on registries and databases capturing data in a way that is patient relevant and fit for regulatory decisions. Prior to her engagement with the European Medicines Agency, Mencía was the President of SMA Europe, an umbrella organisation representing 30 national patient organizations across Europe. As such, she has ensured the inclusion of the patient’s voice on decisions concerning the development, approval and access to disease modifying therapies.