





## Report Patient Symptoms by Using Digital Technology and Its Integration Into Clinical Trials and Medical Care

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## Overview



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## Overview

 PROs are defined as any report coming directly from patients about their health condition and treatment (FDA 2009) and include a range of outcomes such as symptoms, functional status, and health-related quality-of-life (Acquadro 2003).



T. Schule, A. A. Miller. 2014 (Prototype Project)PROsaiq: A Smart Device-Based and EMR-Integrated System for Patient-Reported Outcome Measurement in Routine Cancer Care. J Radiat Oncol Inform 2014;6:1:111-131





## Why is it necessary to include them?





## **General Frame**



Fuente: Traducido de Wilson y Cleary (1995)



## What's PRO?



### Characteristics

–Reliability, Validity and Ability to
Detect Change
–Must be demonstrated empirically
(for example, by confirmatory factor analysis)

https://www.nihcollaboratory.org/cores/Pages/pro.aspx



### **Development of a PRO Instrument: An Iterative Process**

### i. Hypothesize Conceptual Framework

- · Outline hypothesized concepts and potential claims
- Determine intended population
- Determine intended application/characteristics (type of scores, mode and frequency of administration)
- Perform literature/expert review
- Develop hypothesized conceptual framework
- Place PROs within preliminary endpoint model
- Document preliminary instrument development

### v. Modify Instrument

- Change wording of items, populations, response options, recall period, or mode/method of administration/data collection
- Translate and culturally adapt to other languages
- Evaluate modifications as appropriate
- Document all changes

### iv. Collect, Analyze, and Interpret Data

- Prepare protocol and statistical analysis plan (final endpoint model and responder definition)
- Collect and analyze data
- Evaluate treatment response using cumulative distribution and responder definition
- Document interpretation of treatment benefit in relation to claim



### ii. Adjust Conceptual Framework and Draft Instrument

- Obtain patient input
- Generate new items
- Select recall period, response options and format
- Select mode/method of administration/data collection
- Conduct patient cognitive interviewing
- Pilot test draft instrument
- Document content validity
- iii. Confirm Conceptual Framework and Assess Other Measurement Properties
- Confirm conceptual framework with scoring rule
- Assess score reliability, construct validity, and ability to detect change
- Finalize instrument content, formats, scoring, procedures and training materials
- Document measurement development

FDA (CDER, CBER, CDRH): Guidance for Industry Patient-Reported Outcome Measures: Use in Medical Product Development to Support Labeling Claims . 2009 Clinical/Medical

## Tools Usually Used

### **Response Option Types**

Туре	Description
Visual analog scale (VAS)	A line of fixed length (usually 100 mm) with words that anchor the scale at the extreme ends and no words describing intermediate positions. Patients are instructed to indicate the place on the line corresponding to their perceived state. The mark's position is measured as the score.
Likert scale	An ordered set of discrete terms or statements from which patients are asked to choose the response that best describes their state or experience.
Rating scale	A set of numerical categories from which patients are asked to choose the category that best describes their state or experience. The ends of rating scales are anchored with words but the categories are numbered rather than labeled with words.
Recording of events as they occur	Specific events are recorded as they occur using an event log that can be included in a patient diary or other reporting system (e.g., interactive voice response system).
Pictorial scale	A set of pictures applied to any of the other response option types. Pictorial scales are often used in pediatric questionnaires but also have been used for patients with cognitive impairments and for patients who are otherwise unable to speak or write.
Checklist	Checklists provide a simple choice between a limited set of options, such as <i>Yes</i> , <i>No</i> , and <i>Don't know</i> . Some checklists ask patients to place a mark in a space if the statement in the item is true. Checklists are reviewed for completeness and nonredundancy.

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### Core set of PROQOL questions.



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it can be

Please check the number that describes your feelings **over the past month** from as bad as it can be to as good as it can be





### Your overall physical well being:

as bad as it can be												as good as
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as bad as it can be	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	as good as it can be
Your soci	al int	erac	tion	with	othe	er pe	ople	(fan	nily, <sup>r</sup>	frien	ds, o	r others):
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VISUAL ANALOG SCALE

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## The Patients point of view and Voice: Very Important to consider

"If quality is to be at the heart of everything we do, it must be understood from the perspective of the patient"



"Just as important (as clinical measures) is the effectiveness of care from the patient's own perspective which will be measured through patient-reported outcome measures"

Dr Keith Meadows DHP Research & Consultancy Ltd. July 2010: An introduction to Patient Reported Outcome Measures . Slide Show

## Benefits of PRO (QoL) in clinical practice

### Treatment

Physicians take more actions regarding the patient-report

The experimental group physicians diagnosed more symptoms of stress or anxiety than did the control group physicians (p < 0.001) and took more actions recommended by the feedback form (p < 0.02) (Rubenstein et al. 1995). 73 % in the experimental group vs 69 % control group (p<0.005)(Magruder-Habib et al. 1990)</li>

### Referral

Physicians reported more referral rates to other profesionals

• The referral is bigger in the experimental group (Psychiatric referral (14.1% vs 7.7%) and received psychosocial referral (36.1% vs 5.7%)(P < than .0001))(**Gold and Baraff . 1989)** 

### Communication

Improves communication between physicians and patients .

- (Wagner et al 1997) moderate percentage (67%) of patients reported positive attitudes about completion of the assessment as well as sharing their feelings and physical abilities with their physician.
  - NIH & NCI

conclude that QoL measures should be incorporated into research studies when possible.

## **QoL on Medical Practice**

### Health-Related Quality-of-Life Assessments and Patient-Physician Communication A Randomized Controlled Trial

Symone B. Detmar, PhD	<b>Context</b> There has been increasing interest in the use of health-related quality-of-
Martin J. Muller, MSc	life (HRQL) assessments in daily clinical practice, yet few empirical studies have been
Jan H. Schornagel, MD, PhD	conducted to evaluate the usefulness of such assessments.
Lidwina D. V. Wever	<b>Objective</b> To evaluate the efficacy of standardized HRQL assessments in facilitat- ing patient-physician communication and increasing physicians' awareness of their pa-
Neil K. Aaronson, PhD	tients' HRQL-related problems.

Of the patients stated that the QoL profile provided an accurate summary of their functioning and well-being

57% Reported their physicians used the profile explicitly during their visits.
79% Believed the profile enhanced physician awareness of their health problems
87% Thought it would be useful to introduce a QoL assessment as a standard part of the outpatient clinical experience.

However, the **control group visits took longer** than the intervention group (20.4 minutes vs. 19.8 minutes, respectively)

## Problems with PRO (QoL) measure

## Characteristics of QoL assessments

- Physicians often view it as providing "soft data" that does not permit "hard" measurement such as that obtained in the laboratory.
- Questions that are **too personal**, sensitive, or irrelevant are more likely to be omitted by patients.

### Implementation

- Morris et al. 1998 80% of healthcare professionals believed that information obtained from QOL assessments is valuable, fewer than 50% of them implemented QOL assessments in their practice.
- Problems related due to logistical and resource constraints

## What Happens if we introduce IT to Medical Practice?



Perry, S., Kowalski, T. L., & Chang, C.-H. (2007). Quality of life assessment in women with breast cancer: benefits, acceptability and utilization. *Health and Quality of Life Outcomes*, *5*, 24. doi:10.1186/1477-7525-5-24



## Example

J Clin Oncol. 1999 Mar;17(3):998-1007.

Automated collection of quality-of-life data: a comparison of paper and computer touch-screen questionnaires. <u>Velikova G<sup>1</sup></u>, <u>Wright EP</u>, <u>Smith AB</u>, <u>Cull A</u>, <u>Gould A</u>, <u>Forman D</u>, <u>Perren T</u>, <u>Stead M</u>, <u>Brown J</u>, <u>Selby PJ</u>.

Comparing the touch-screen versions and paper versions of the EORTC QLQ-C30 and the HADS, the quality of the data extracted from a touchscreen version was found to be **excellent**, with no **missing** or problematic responses, mainly because the patient could not progress through the questionnaire **without answering each question**.

Less time to complete the touch-screen version (8.3 minutes) as opposed to the paper version (9.6 minutes).

The same study found that **52%** of the patients surveyed preferred the touchscreen computer, compared to 24% preferring the paper version.

Computer touch-screen QOL questionnaires were well accepted by cancer patients, with good data quality and reliability

### A Randomized Study of Electronic Diary versus Paper and Pencil Collection of Patient-Reported Outcomes in Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Alistair E. Ring,<sup>1</sup> Kerry A. Cheong,<sup>1</sup> Claire L. Watkins,<sup>2</sup> David Meddis,<sup>2</sup> David Cella<sup>3</sup> and Peter G. Harper<sup>1</sup>

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The mean completion time was shorter for the paper and pencil method than the e-PRO method (p < 0.0001). However, most patients stated that they **preferred the e-PRO method over paper and pencil (60% vs 12%).** 

Therefore, the group results obtained using the e-PRO should be similar to the originally validated paper method, with the advantages of improved patient acceptability and ease of reliable interfacing with trial databases.

Ring AE1, Cheong KA, Watkins CL, Meddis D, et al. (2008) A Randomized Study of Electronic Diary versus Paper and Pencil Collection of Patient-Reported Outcomes in Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer. Patient, Apr 1;1(2):105-13.

# Issues with computerized assessment

Technical	C
difficulties	

difficulty with the handheld computers because of the small screens as well as the software design

Some patients had

Difficult touch due to the wearing down

of equipment towards the end of the study

### Funding

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## which of the following, if any, represents your single biggest concern

right now...



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### Trends over time

### \* = ALERT: Clinically meaningful decline or clinically deficient score



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Single Biggest Concern Domain Today

Specific Concerns Identified Today



- Problems paying your medical bills
- Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine
- Skipped dental, vision or mental health care costs because of cost

### Problems paying your medical bills

- Direct patient to your clinic's patient account services for information on payment options.
- Connect patient with financial aid services

http://www.dlife.com/diabetes\_resources/saving\_money/financial\_help/index.page1

### Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine

- Review medication list for opportunities to substitute generic or less expensive options.
- Consider printing and reviewing with the patient the "Financial Help for Diabetes Care" information from the NIDDK website.

http://diabetes.niddk.nih.gov/dm/pubs/financialhelp/financialhelp.pdf

• Direct patient to programs for free or discounted prescription medicine. http://www.state.mn.us/portal/mn/jsp/home.do?agency=Rx http://www.health.state.mn.us/clearinghouse/prescription.pdf http://www.minnesotahelp.info/QA/default.aspx?se=senior

### Skipped dental, vision or mental health care costs because of cost

- Direct patient to resources for free or discounted eye exams (if eligible). http://www.aoa.org/visionusa.xml http://www.eyecareamerica.org/
- Provide NIDDK brochure on dental self-care

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## ePRO adaptative change!



### **Evolution of ePRO**

Traditional ePRO	ePRO using Classical Test Theory	ePRO using Modern Test Theory
Single Item/Collection of Items	Classically Developed Assessment	IRT-based Assessment

1. https://adaptest.vpgcentral.com/

2. Christie, A., Dagfinrud, H., Dale, Ø., Schulz, T., & Hagen, K. B. (2014). Collection of patient-reported outcomes; - text messages on mobile phones provide valid scores and high response rates. *BMC Medical Research Methodology*, *14*, 52. doi:10.1186/1471-2288-14-52

## Ideas for the Future

• What could be the impact in the medical practice and Trial investigations in Chile?

Studies About That = 0

- Economic indicators
- Resource allocation
- Hour consultation
- Prevention
- etc







## Conclusion



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## ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONSP

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## **Aditional**

- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcWpGSFHL2s</u>
- http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1001548

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### Essentia Health: After answering questions, patient can review and edit answers

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## Meta-Analisis

 The results summarized here show that computer and paper measures produce equivalent scores. Mean differences were very small and neither statistically nor clinically significant. Correlations were very high, and were similar to correlations between repeated administration of the same paper-and-pencil measure

Gwaltney, Chad J. et al. (2008) Equivalence of Electronic and Paper-and-Pencil Administration of Patient-Reported Outcome Measures: A Meta-Analytic Review Value in Health , Volume 11 , Issue 2 , 322 - 333







### 5. Wikipedia has a pleasing color scheme.



### VISUAL ANALOG SCALE





### Severity Rating Scale

Rating	Description	Definition (Severity of Effect)
10	Dangerously high	Failure could injure the customer or an employee.
9	Extremely high	Failure would create noncompliance with fed- eral regulations.
8	Very high	Failure renders the unit inoperable or unfit for use.
7	High	Failure causes a high degree of customer dis- satisfaction.
6	Moderate	Failure results in a subsystem or partial mal- function of the product.
5	Low	Failure creates enough of a performance loss to cause the customer to complain.
4	Very Low	Failure can be overcome with modifications to the customer's process or product, but there is minor performance loss.
3	Minor	Failure would create a minor nuisance to the customer, but the customer can overcome it without performance loss.
2	Very Minor	Failure may not be readily apparent to the cus- tomer, but would have minor effects on the customer's process or product.
1	None	Failure would not be noticeable to the customer and would not affect the customer's process or product.

## Suggestions to resolve some issues

Table 1: Suggested solutions to overcome the challenges of implementing QOL assessments into clinical practice

Challenges	Solutions
Instrument characteristics	
QOL assessments provide "soft data."	Support the implementation of QOL assessments, as the soft data provides additional insights into a patient's health, as it provides qualitative data in addition to the quantitative data provided by "hard" measurement.
The types of questions asked can be too sensitive, personal, or irrelevant.	It is recommended that, when developing questionnaires, potential questions be tested by a population of elderly patients to gauge respondents' sensitivity and how effectively the questions measure a patient's QOL.
Patient population	
Questionnaires do not assess long-term survivors (over 5 years) – only 1 year survivors.	Long-term survivors of more than 5 years should be included in the original development and testing of instruments.
Among the elderly, there is illiteracy, worse compliance with questionnaires, and cognitive disorders.	The option of questionnaires administered in an interview format should be available to elderly patients. This solution would address compliance. In addition, it would address illiteracy and cognitive disorders, because the questionnaires could be read to the respondents, explained, and discussed with them.
Healthcare professionals	
Physicians are less familiar with how to utilize QOL assessments and how to interpret or respond to results.	Training classes about the importance, potential benefits, proper utilization of QOL assessments, interpretation of results, and appropriate action to be taken are recommended to be offered at medical schools and through Continuing Medical Education courses. To help better understand their utilization, healthcare providers could be taught whom the appropriate specialists to refer their patients would be based on the results of the QOL assessments.
Physicians do not have the proper tools needed to make QOL assessments part of their practice.	QOL assessments could be made accessible through online availability, allowing physicians to have a centralized location to download efficiently instruments as needed.
Logistics and resources	
Time limitations exist.	Questionnaires could be administered while the patient is waiting to be seen by the physician.
Measures are usually reported manually, which leads to inaccurate results and a long turnaround time.	The utilization of computerized assessments would improve the accuracy of QOL assessments and increase the efficiency of their use.
Respondents may be unfamiliar with how to use computers or touchpad personal computers (PCs).	Brief training sessions of 10–15 minutes could be held while patients are in waiting rooms, where respondents would learn by the administrator how to manipulate the mouse, keyboard, and touchpad.
The programming of some questionnaires makes it difficult for patients to change their answers.	Efforts could be made to modify computer programming and software to facilitate computerized administration of questionnaires.

## **Examples of Electronic Systems**

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http://tschuler.github.io/prosaiq/tech



Arrows allow patient to easily review previous questions

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Figure 1. PROQOL domains and item checklist.



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## Some Survey PRO (QoL)

	Measure	Purpose
1	Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) [1]	Designed to measure depression
2	Breast Cancer Chemotherapy Questionnaire	Developed to measure outcomes of women with stage II breast cancer receiving adjuvant chemotherapy
	(BCQ) [3]	
3	Breast Cancer Prevention Trial Symptom Checklist (BCPT [4,5])	Designed to examine the physical and psychological symptoms associated with menopause and Tamoxifen usage
4	Cancer Needs Questionnaire – Short Form (CNQ-SF) [6]	Developed to assess cancer patients' needs
5	Cancer Rehabilitation Evaluation System (CARES-SF) [8]	Developed to assess patients' cancer-related problems
6	Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale-10 (CES-D)	Designed to measure depression
7	European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer QOL Breast Cancer Specific Version (EORTC QLQ-BR23) [12]	Designed to measure QOL in the breast cancer population at various stages and with patients with differing modalities
8	European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer QOL Cancer Specific Version (EORTC QLQ-C30) [13]	Cancer specific questionnaire designed to measure QOL in the cancer population

## Some Survey QoL

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	Measure	Purpose
10	Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy – Endocrine System (FACT-ES) [20]	Focus on endocrine concerns experienced during breast cancer treatment
11	Functional Living Index – Cancer ((FLIC) [21])	Designed to assess the effect that cancer treatment and symptoms have on functional ability in all areas of life
12	Geriatric Depression Scale – Short Form ((GDS-SF) [23])	Designed to assess depression in the elderly
13	Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale ((HADS) [26])	Developed to measure anxiety and depression
14	Life Satisfaction Questionnaire (LSQ) [14]	Developed to measure one's general sense of satisfaction with life as it relates to school, relationships, leisure time, religious practices, and overall health, specifically for women with breast cancer
15	Medical Outcome Short Form Health Survey (SF-36) [29]	Developed to assess health-related QOL
16	Quality of Life Index ((QL-Index) [32]	Designed to assess health outcomes of those with cancer and other chronic diseases
17	Rotterdam Symptoms Checklist – Modified [33]	Developed to assess symptom-related distress among cancer patients
18	Satisfaction with Life Domains Scale for Breast Cancer (SLDS-BC) [34]	Developed to measure satifaction with life among breast cancer patients