The Parkinson’s Disease Questionnaires

User Manual
(PDQ-39, ePDQ, PDQ-8, PDQ Summary Index, PDQ-Carer & PDQ-Carer Summary Index)

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SUMMARY

This text is intended as a reference manual for the Parkinson's Disease Questionnaire 'long form' (the PDQ-39) and its e-based equivalent (the ePDQ), the short form Parkinson's Disease Questionnaire (the PDQ-8) and the Parkinson's Disease Carer Questionnaire (PDQ-Carer). All three measures are self completion instruments designed to address aspects of functioning and wellbeing adversely affected by Parkinson's disease. The main points covered are:

- an outline of the epidemiology of Parkinson's Disease;
- a brief description of the symptoms most commonly associated with Parkinson's disease;
- a review of the development of the 39 item Parkinson's Disease Questionnaire;
- a comparison of results from the PDQ-39 with other subjective health and clinical outcome measures;
- an assessment of the sensitivity to change of the PDQ-39;
- documentation of the derivation of a summary index of health status from the PDQ-39;
- information concerning the derivation of an eight item measure of health status, the PDQ-8, from the PDQ-39 which can provide, with little loss of information, the PDQ summary index;
- a comparison of results from the PDQ-8 and PDQ-39 in a longitudinal study;
- an example of cross cultural validation of the PDQ-39;
- documentation of the development and validation of an e-based PDQ-39, including an assessment of alternative response formats;
- an example of a method of imputing missing data in clinical trials;
- a summary of applications of the PDQ-39 and its compliance with best practice guidelines;
- a review of the development of the Parkinson's Disease Carer Questionnaire (PDQ-Carer), which assesses the impact of PD on informal carers;
- documentation of the derivation of a summary index score for the PDQ-Carer;
- a copy of the PDQ-39;
- a copy of the PDQ-8;
- a copy of the PDQ-Carer;
- a copy of the scoring systems for the PDQ-39, PDQ-8, PDQ-SI and PDQ-Carer.
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