

## Supplementary Material

### ISOQOL Recommends Minimum Standards for Patient-Reported Outcome Measures Used in Patient-Centered Outcomes and Comparative Effectiveness Research

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## Appendix 1: Literature Search Strategies

**Note:** Because the search functions across these databases do not utilize a common scheme, we adapted our search to fit the database in question. All searches used adapted the general strategy outlined by Terwee et al (2009), which appeared in *Quality of Life Research*. All searches were conducted in early March 2012 and did not restrict by publication date.

### 1. MEDLINE

- 1 exp Self Report/ 2232 (exploded, including all subcategories)
- 2 exp Psychometrics/ 46812 (exploded, including all subcategories)
- 3 exp \*"Outcome Assessment (Health Care)"/ 21429 (exploded/ w focus command)

1 or 3 (exp Self Report = 2232 OR \*"Outcome Assessment (Health Care)"/ = 21429 ) = 23637  
AND Psychometrics/ (exploded, including all subcategories) 46812 = 909

limit to English language  
864

limit to (comparative study or guideline or journal article or meta analysis or validation studies)

835 - removed 14 duplicates after export to EndNote = **821 references reviewed**

### 2. PsycINFO

"self report\*" OR "patient report\*" OR outcome\* OR "quality of life" OR "treatment outcome\*" OR "health status" OR "outcome assessment\*" = TXT (all text) = 305908

AND AB"standards" OR AB guideline\* OR AB benchmark\* OR "gold standard\*" OR "best practice\*" Search modes - Boolean/Phrase (66038) (not limited to ABSTRACT)

AND thesaurus term MM Psychometrics exploded 22,580

AND limit to English language  
Results = **172 references reviewed**

### 3. CINAHL

MM = MeSH term  
(MM "Self Report") = 1103  
OR (MM "Checklists") = 460  
OR (MM "Health Status Indicators") = (1446)  
OR (MM "Treatment Outcomes+") = (12658)  
OR (MM "Health Status+") (17599)  
OR (MM "Outcomes (Health Care)+") (29680)  
OR (MM "Outcome Assessment") (4404)  
OR (MM "Quality of Life+") (17460)  
AND (MM "Psychometrics")  
AND limit to English language  
Results = **126 references reviewed**