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Achieving accessibility with quality: Questionnaire measurement of condition-specific individualised quality of life

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The ADDQoL (Audit of Diabetes Dependent Quality of Life (QoL)) was the first of a series of questionnaire measures of condition-specific individualised QoL. ADDQoL design was influenced by patient-centred principles underlying the SEIQoL interview method. The questionnaire specifies life domains, and respondents rate personally applicable domains for importance and impact of diabetes. ADDQoL's psychometric properties have been investigated in several studies. The ADDQoL has been modified and extended to produce the RDQoL for people on renal replacement therapy and the HDDQoL for adults with growth hormone deficiency. Preliminary results indicate that the instrument modifies well to suit other chronic conditions, is more sensitive to change and responsive to differences than generic QoL measures while, like the SEIQoL, taking account of important individual differences in perceptions of QoL.