I. General Information
Title of the test: Parkinson’s Disease Quality of Life Questionnaire

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Time required to administer: a few minutes (note it may take parkinson’s patients about twice as long to fill out)

Cost of the Test: not-funded academic research and individual clinical practice use is free of charge with user agreement. Funded and commercial research studies have associated access and distribution fees.

See http://www.mapi-trust.org/services/questionnairelicensing/cataloguequestionnaires/80-pdql

II. Description of Test

Type/Purpose of Test: To assess Quality of Life in people with Parkinson’s disease. It consists of 37 items in questionnaire form that asks the client to tell how often they were bothered by the problems in the last 3 months.

Population: People with Idiopathic Parkinson's Disease

Focus of measurement: Quality of Life

___ Organic systems ___ Abilities ___ Participation/life habits ___ Environmental Factors ___X___ Quality of Life

III. Practical Administration

Ease of Administration: Self Administration - very easy. Not appropriate to administer to people with significant cognitive impairment.

Clarity of Directions: Directions are very clear and straightforward and easy to follow.

Scoring Procedures: Responses are scored on a 5 point Likert Scale. Response are scored to obtain a total score and a score for each of the four sub-scales. Higher scores indicate better quality of life.

Examiner Qualification & Training - N/A
IV. Technical Considerations

Standardization: ___ Norms  __X__ Criterion Referenced  ___ Other
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Reliability: Internal-consistency reliability coefficients of the PDQL subscales were high: 0.80-0.87

Validity:

Good discriminant validity - extent to which the questionnaire scores were able to discriminate between groups of patients based on severity of disease

Good convergent validity - extent to which questionnaire measures what it claims to measure

Manual: ____ Excellent  ____ Adequate  ____ Poor

What is (are) the setting/s that you would anticipate using this assessment?

Any setting where people have Parkinson’s Disease
SNF
Home Health

Summary of strengths and weaknesses:

Weakness: Results could be skewed by others who help them fill out the questionnaire, but it does have a section to mark who assisted them in filling it out.

Strength: It measures the participant’s perspective and is easy and quick to administer.