

## Cough-Specific Quality of Life Questionnaires

Four fully validated Cough-Specific Quality of Life questionnaires to assist health care professionals during their research and clinical care



### PC-QoL-27

Parent Cough-Specific Quality-of-Life  
27-item questionnaire  
(Non-Commercial Use)

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Parent Cough-Specific Quality-of-Life  
Full scale  
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A cough can be very distressing and have a significant effect on many children and their families.

As young children are unable to verbally express themselves adequately, it is standard practice for parents to be proxy assessors of their young child's medical condition. Also, parents/carers are themselves affected by their child's medical condition and thus the parents' own QoL is relevant. Thus, QoL measures used in paediatrics concern the parents/carers themselves.

The use of Quality of Life (QoL) tools are now considered essential for high quality clinical research and intervention. These tools help healthcare professionals reliably measure and evaluate the efficacy of their intervention. Unfortunately, there were no valid and reliable measures available to pediatricians – until now.

Researchers from the University of Queensland in collaboration with healthcare professionals have developed three fully validated Parent Cough-Specific Quality of Life (PC-QoL) questionnaires to assist health care professionals during their research and clinical care:

**PC-QoL-27: the full-scale questionnaire for parents of children with chronic cough,**

**PC-QoL-8: the short form of PC-QoL-27 as an 8-item questionnaire, and**

**PAC-QoL: the Parent-proxy Children's Acute Cough-specific QoL questionnaire.**

The questionnaires are the first fully validated children's cough-specific quality of life questionnaire designed for pediatricians and parents of children with chronic and acute cough. They also align with the World Health Organization domains of psychological, physical and social functioning.

Not only are the questionnaires reliable and valid, but they are also sensitive to change over time. This means that they measure the impact of the child's cough on parents' and caregivers' wellbeing and daily life while also mirroring the changes in the cough severity.

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#### **Academic publications**

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