

# **The Parkinson's Disease Questionnaire**

**PDQ-39 User Manual**  
*(including PDQ-8 and PDQ Summary Index)*  
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## SUMMARY

This report is intended as a reference manual for the Parkinson's Disease Questionnaire (which is available in a 'long form' (the PDQ-39) and a short form (PDQ-8)). The PDQ is a self completion instrument designed to address aspects of functioning and well-being adversely affected by Parkinson's disease.

The main points covered in this report 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;
- an example of cross cultural validation of the PDQ-39;
- an example of a method of imputing missing data in clinical trials;
- a copy of the PDQ-39;
- a copy of the PDQ-8;
- a copy of the scoring systems for the PDQ-39 and PDQ-8.

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