

Special Issue on Quality of Life and Other Patient-reported Outcomes in Parkinson's Disease

CALL FOR PAPERS

In the last few years, terms like “patient-centricity,” “patient-oriented evidence that matters,” “patient-based evidence,” and even “precision medicine” have become widely used in scientific and nonscientific literature. These evolving concepts rely on the patients' view and not on the clinician or allied health professional standpoint. Unfortunately, most published research is based on what the investigator considers relevant. In a great number of studies, outcomes are rated or measured by the investigator alone.

Patient-reported outcomes (PROs) and patient-reported outcomes measures (PROMs) rely on the patients' perspectives, experiences, and perceptions of their own health condition, disease treatment, and quality of life. In fact, patient-reported outcomes may reflect more accurately the impact in daily activities in comparison to investigator-rated scales and therefore can narrow the gap between the health professional and the patients' reality.

The purpose of this special issue is to publish high-quality research papers as well as review articles addressing patient-reported outcomes such as health-related quality of life, well-being, symptom and disease burden, and experience and satisfaction with care.

Original, high quality contributions that are not yet published or that are not currently under review by other journals are sought.

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- ▶ Development or validation of patient-reported outcomes tools for patients with Parkinson's disease
- ▶ Parkinson's disease clinical research in which the endpoint or main outcomes are assessed using patient-reported outcomes measures
- ▶ Clinical research with focus on health-related quality of life, well-being, and activities of daily living of persons with Parkinson's disease
- ▶ Parkinson's disease clinical research focused on the caregiver burden

Authors can submit their manuscripts through the Manuscript Tracking System at <http://mts.hindawi.com/submit/journals/pd/qlop/>.

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