Patient Reported Outcomes For All? Are We Missing What is Relevant and Important in Quality of Life Assessment?

Abstract:
Person-centred methods have become essential not just to health care per se, but also to the ways in which it is assessed. The novel collaborative methodology designed by the WHOQOL Group will be outlined to show how variations in culture, diseases and conditions can be integrated into the cross-cultural assessment of quality of life in health and illness.

However information about quality of life tell us little about which aspects are most important to patients and this needs to be directly assessed. Assessing the importance has been largely forgotten but could be useful in planning treatment. We shall also show how these types of information can be better used to identify the very poorest quality of life.

References