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A New Chapter for the SF-36v2™ Health Survey

John E. Ware, Jr., PhD, founder/CEO of QualityMetric Health Outcomes Solutions, releases the User's Manual for the SF-36v2™ Health Survey – Second Edition.

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Part technical manual and part historical text, the *User's Manual for the SF-36v2™ Health Survey* is a must-read for healthcare decision-makers and researchers, and the perfect addition to any health outcome professional's library.

Seven years in the making, this 300-page volume provides everything a user needs to know to administer, score, and interpret the SF-36v2™ Health Survey. "Ever since the improved version of the SF-36® Health Survey became available, we have been working on this new edition," says John E. Ware, Jr., PhD, founder and CEO of QualityMetric Health Outcomes Solutions. "We knew it would be important to have a manual devoted to the history and rationale behind the improved version, but just as importantly we wanted to provide users with an authoritative reference that would be easier to use in interpreting their patient-reported outcome (PRO) results."

This comprehensive resource includes:

- A history of the SF-36® Health Survey including its psychometric foundations and item origins
- An in-depth description of the SF-36v2™ Health Survey, including a detailed comparison of SF-36v2™, the original SF-36® Health Survey, and other SF instruments
- New normative data for 18 disease/physical condition groups
- Seven chapters devoted to interpreting results
- Recommendations for interpreting individual patient data for screening, monitoring, and measuring outcomes, including case studies
- Information to help users understand when score differences are important at the group and individual levels
- Guidelines for evaluating the quality of data collected and new approaches to handling missing data

The authors organized the manual to allow easy access to the most useful information. Practical information about how to use the survey and interpret the data is clearly marked and easy to find. The manual includes a 25-page index, a glossary of terms, case studies, and statistical power analysis tables to determine adequate sample sizes required to detect difference in each of the eight domain scales and two component summary measures.

"This is our best user's manual yet and the culmination of years of work by many QualityMetric employees," according to Ware. "This manual represents what is important to us as a company and reflects our mission to bring the science of outcomes measurement out of the laboratory and into the real world by developing practical applications that support the improvement of outcomes research and healthcare quality everywhere."

About QualityMetric Health Outcomes Solutions:

QualityMetric is a leading provider of health status and outcomes measurement products and services that use proprietary, standardized, and scientifically valid methodologies to capture,

benchmark, and interpret actionable patient-reported health information. We seek to incorporate the patient's voice into health care decision-making with generic and disease-specific patient-reported outcome (PRO) surveys. John E. Ware, Jr., PhD, principal developer of the SF-36[®], SF-36v2[™], SF-12[®], SF-12v2[™], and SF-8[™] Health Surveys founded the company in 1997. In addition, our technology applications, including the world's first computerized dynamic health assessments (DYNHA[®]), have broadened the options for administration. Supported by the world recognized Outcomes Insight Consulting[™] Division, QualityMetric offers full service "solutions" for all applications of patient-reported outcomes measurement. Visit us at www.qualitymetric.com