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Create or Customize a PRO to Meet Your Product Development Goals

QualityMetric's scientists developed the world's most widely used patient-reported outcomes (PRO) tool, the [SF-36v2](#)[®] Health Survey. However, our expertise does not end there. It extends to the creation and development of other PROs as well.

Rely on our experience and expertise to create or customize a PRO to suit your unique needs. We have established a comprehensive and thorough PRO development process that consists of several crucial stages, including cognitive/pilot testing and validation. It's important to note that our process is in accordance with many guidelines set forth by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Learn more about this [process](#) and the many other [consulting services](#) we offer.

QualityMetric News

- Mark Kosinski, MA, and Regina Rendas-Baum, MS, QualityMetric [scientists](#), recently published an [article](#) titled *Psychometric Evaluation of the Glaucoma Symptom Identifier*. They found that the Glaucoma Symptom Identifier (GSI) is a psychometrically valid tool adequate for helping glaucoma patients and their physicians assess current and future glaucoma symptoms.
- QualityMetric scientist Regina Rendas-Baum, MS, has also authored an [article](#) related to the Fatigue Impact Scale (FIS). Titled *A Novel Approach to Estimate the Minimally Important Difference for the Fatigue Impact Scale in Multiple Sclerosis Patients*, this article outlines how the results of the study can be used to aid clinicians in interpreting scores in patients with multiple sclerosis.
- QualityMetric scientists have had two abstracts accepted for poster presentation at the [ISPOR](#) 13th Annual European Congress in Prague, Czech Republic.

Poster Presentations:

- Buck PO, Castelli-Haley J, White RE, Rendas-Baum R, White MK
Health Status Comparison Between Stable Parkinson's Disease

Patients and Those Experiencing Off-time

- Buck PO, Castelli-Haley J, White RE, Rendas-Baum R, White MK
A Psychometric Evaluation of the Revised SCOPA Diary Card in Parkinson's Disease Patients

i3 News

In our May issue we announced that QualityMetric is now part of [i3](#), a global pharmaceutical services company. This acquisition provides our clients with tremendous opportunity in the form of countless new capabilities and resources. So moving forward, we'll share i3 company and industry news that could be of value to you.

Here is the latest news from i3's many corners of the world:

- Trying to address the challenge of securing access to longitudinal patient-level data in Europe, while successfully maintaining confidentiality, is critical to companies vying to penetrate this market. In a webinar taped live on June 23, 2010, [i3 Innovus](#) uses case studies to show how companies can facilitate access to the European market. Several critical questions are addressed, including:
 - The data landscape in Europe-what data is out there?
 - What are the hurdles to accessing data today?
 - How can the existing data be used for research?
 - How can existing data sources be leveraged to meet future demands for follow-up by reimbursement bodies?

[Listen](#) to a recording of this webinar now.

- [i3 Statprobe](#), the clinical data services division of i3, offers a comprehensive approach to a growing trend in the life sciences industry - adaptive design. The concept of adaptive design is simple. It's the ability to review collected data during a clinical trial and make adjustments to the study design or process accordingly. For example, a review of the data may show a drug is ready to expedite for market approval well before the trial is scheduled to end.

i3 Statprobe's Adaptive Design Consulting Group can guide you through the process and ensure you optimize key benefits, including flexible trial design and improved patient care. To learn more, read the June 2010 issue of [PharmaVOICE](#) and i3's June 24, 2010 [InLine](#) eNewsletter. Also, be sure to sign up for the upcoming [webinar](#) on this topic, taking place on August 12, 2010 at 10 a.m. EST.

- Bill Gwinn, Vice President of Clinical Informatics Solutions at [i3 Pharma Informatics](#), recently penned an [article](#) for *PharmaVOICE* magazine. It highlights how to find the best clinical trial investigators and also showcases i3's capabilities.



Here's your link to the latest in health outcomes measurement 

Product Spotlight

The MOS Sleep Scale was originally developed in the Medical Outcomes Study (MOS), but has recently been revised. The new form differs from the original in that it has five response options, rather than six, for each question. One response option has been eliminated based on findings from SF-36[®] Health Survey translation studies ([Keller, Ware, Gandek et al., 1998](#)). It was found that the response choice was not consistently ordered in relation to other adjacent response choices. Eliminating this response option simplified the format of the form with little or no loss of information.

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New Publications

QualityMetric publishes a user guide to accompany each PRO that we develop. Here are a few of our newly released publications.

- **Quick Start Guide for the Use of the Pediatric Asthma Impact Survey with the SF-10 Health Survey for Children**
This guide provides users with the basic information necessary to familiarize themselves with the Pediatric Asthma Impact Survey[™] (PAIS-6[™]) and to understand how to properly use the instrument. It also discusses how PAIS-6 results can be augmented by findings from the SF-10[™] Health Survey for Children. The companion guide, *The SF-10 Health Survey for Children: A User's Guide* (Saris-Baglama et al., 2007), offers an overview of the development, use, and interpretation of the SF-10, and is also available from QualityMetric.
- **Quick Start Guide for the Use of the Rhinitis Impact Survey with the SF-12v2 Health Survey-SET**
This guide provides users with the basic information necessary to familiarize themselves with the Rhinitis Impact[™] Survey (RIS-6[™]) and to understand how to properly use the instrument. It also provides a discussion of how the meaningfulness of RIS-6 results can be augmented by findings from the SF-12v2[®] Health Survey-SET.
- **Quick Start Guide for the SF-12v2 Health Survey**
This guide thoroughly documents the SF-12v2[®] Health Survey, including the development, reliability, and validity of the survey, as well as its substantial improvements over the SF-12[®] Health Survey. A portion of the guide focuses on the comparability of scoring the SF-12

and SF-12v2, and also the SF-12, SF-36[®] Health Survey, and SF-8[™] Health Survey. Guidelines concerning the choice of which form to use are an added bonus.

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Upcoming Events

QualityMetric representatives will be spreading the word on PROs at the following conferences soon:

- **September 5-7 [ISPOR](#) 4th Asia-Pacific Conference, Phuket, Thailand**
Visit i3 Innovus at booth #2.
- **October 5-9 North American Spine Society ([NASS](#)) Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL**
Visit us at booth #1785.
- **October 17-20 Society for Clinical Data Management ([SCDM](#)) Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN**
Visit i3 Statprobe's booth.
- **November 6-9 [ISPOR](#) 13th Annual European Congress, Prague, Czech Republic**

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