

QualityMetric Announces Royalty-Free Access to Dynamic Health Assessment (DYNHA[®]) Software for Scholarly Research

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Lincoln, RI - July 20, 2004 - QualityMetric Incorporated announced today that royalty-free access to DYNHA[®] generic and disease-specific computer adaptive health assessments will be offered for the purpose of scholarly research starting August 2, 2004. According to John E. Ware, Jr., PhD, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Science Officer of QualityMetric, "We decided to offer DYNHA[®] on the Internet in the same manner we offer the 'static' SF-36[®] Health Survey, regardless of our development costs, to accelerate applications in clinical research and practice, as well as to stimulate growth in scientific literature devoted to this very important advance."

QualityMetric Incorporated has integrated the consumer's voice into health care decision-making with self-reported health outcomes surveys used worldwide to measure health status with scientific validity in clinical practice, disease management, population monitoring, risk assessment, clinical trials, and direct-to-consumer marketing. Founded in 1997 by John E. Ware, Jr., PhD, principal developer of the SF-36[®], SF-12[™], and SF-8[™] Health Surveys, QualityMetric's scientific expertise has dramatically evolved the value and precision of health-related quality of life measurement while our technological applications, including dynamic health assessments, have broadened the options for administration.

QualityMetric was the first company to offer applications of computer adaptive technology (CAT) to health outcomes measurement on the Internet, developing DYNHA[®] to make health status surveys much shorter, more precise, and less expensive, by matching questions to each respondent's health level. DYNHA[®] produces norm-based scores that are easily interpreted, comparable with the world's most widely used static tools (e.g., SF-36[®] Health Survey), and have the precision required for patient-level monitoring.

DYNHA[®] Health Assessments Available Royalty-Free for Scholarly Research:

Note: Some of the DYNHA[®] Health Assessments below are functioning prototype applications, and may be customized for implementation in a variety of settings.

DYNHA[®] Generic Health Status Assessments:

- SF-36[®] Health Domains (includes the SF-36[®] Health Survey and other measures of the eight major domains of health – e.g., physical function, bodily pain, vitality, mental health)
- Pediatric Health and Functioning
- Post-Acute Rehabilitation Care

DYNHA[®] Disease/Condition-Specific Health Status Assessments:

- Overall Disease Impact
- Allergic Rhinitis Impact
- Asthma Impact
 - Pediatric Asthma Impact
- Chronic Pain Impact
- Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Impact
- Diabetes Impact
- Headache Impact
- Osteoarthritis (OA) Impact

- Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Impact

Dr. Ware and QualityMetric's Measurement Science and Business Development Teams have become world-recognized leaders of computer adaptive technology with experience including:

- DYNHA[®] collaborations with eight of the world's most noted clinical research teams, the National Institutes of Health, and other government grant sources to expand the scope of dynamic health assessment to additional disease states and alternative modes of administration.
- Worldwide commercial implementation including pharmaceutical, managed care, clinical, and government settings, resulting in over a quarter of a million dynamic survey administrations conducted to date (July 2004).

"At this point," noted Dr. Ware, "the measurement science and computer technology behind DYNHA[®] are established and the practical benefits are proven. Our efforts now are focused on integrating DYNHA[®] to achieve outcomes monitoring 'solutions' that are easy to use and that meet the needs of specific applications." Providing royalty-free access to the research community is expected to yield independent studies and to generate feedback on how to improve DYNHA[®] features including delivery mechanisms and reports to patients and clinicians. QualityMetric also actively pursues technology partnerships to expand current online availability to include numerous modes of administration [desktop software, enterprise software, Interactive Voice Response (IVR), PDAs and tablets, etc.]. "QualityMetric overcame multiple barriers of entry with CAT and can now focus on advancement and refinement," Dr. Ware concluded.

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