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The DiabQoL+ Programme.

Abstract

The aim of DIABQoL+ is to improve quality and effectiveness of diabetes care via the provision of measures of psychological outcomes and processes in people with diabetes. A large-scale dataset (540 insulin-treated 540 tablet treated and 100 diet-treated patients) is being collected in two hospital diabetes clinics, using medical data and the following diabetes specific measures: quality of life (ADDQoL), well-being (W-BQ), clinic satisfaction (DCSQ(treatment satisfaction (DTSQ), locus of control (ADDLoC) and knowledge (ADDKnowl). Generic measures (HADS and SF-36) are also being used to establish the extent to which diabetes-specific instruments add value. Baseline data are now being used to shorten and evaluate the diabetes-specific instruments psychometrically. Follow-up data collection will permit assessment of test-retest reliability, sensitivity to change, predictive validity. Presented here is the rationale for questionnaire selection and an update of the current stages of development of each of the diabetes-specific measures.