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The ADD QoL (Audit of Diabetes Dependent Quality of Life (QoL)) was the first of a series of questionnaire measures of condition-specific individualised QoL. ADD QoL design was influenced by patient-centred principles underlying the SEIQoL interview method (McGee et al., 1991). Respondents rate personally-applicable life domains for importance and impact of diabetes. ADD QoL's psychometric properties have been investigated in several studies. The ADD QoL modified well to suit other patient groups including those using renal replacement therapy (RD QoL) and adults with growth hormone deficiency (HDD QoL). Extensive qualitative work has led to the design of instruments suitable for children with diabetes (PaedD QoL Junior, Middle and Teen versions). Results from the ADD QoL and the other tools indicate that these instruments are more sensitive to change and responsive to differences than generic QoL measures while taking account of important individual differences in perceptions of QoL.