

Ox-PAQ Update: The quarterly newsletter of the Ox-PAQ Initiative

Welcome to the second edition of *Ox-PAQ Update*. News from the last three months is outlined below:

- The Health Services Research Unit (HSRU) at the University of Oxford is now part of a newly created department; the Nuffield Department of Population Health. This new organisation has been created by the merger of the Department of Public Health with the Clinical Trials Services Unit creating one of the largest departments of population and public health in the country. All HSRU and Ox-PAQ contact details remain the same for the time being.
- Interviews with patients, which will form the basis of items in the Ox-PAQ, are currently on-going. Significant headway is being made with these and we aim to have them completed before the Christmas break. The support to date of the following organisations in recruiting for this phase of the project is hugely appreciated; MS Society, Macmillan Cancer, MND Association, Spinal Injuries Association.
- The Ox-PAQ protocol manuscript has been submitted to *Patient Related Outcome Measures*. The manuscript has been subjected to peer review and a revised manuscript is currently being prepared to take account of the reviewers' (largely positive) comments.
- Our first poster presentation has taken place at the 21st World Congress of Neurology in Vienna. The abstract has been published in *Journal of the Neurological Sciences* and can be viewed at the following link:
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0022510X13025707>

The full reference for the abstract is as follows:

Morley, D., Dummett, S., Kelly, L., Dawson, J., Fitzpatrick, R., Jenkinson, C. (2013). Development of the Oxford Participation & Activities Questionnaire: Semi Structured Interviews with Potential Users. *Journal of the Neurological Sciences*, Vol. 333 (Supplement 1), e651.

- Our second poster presentation, at the 20th Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Research, will take place during the second week of October. The abstract reference and link will be provided in our next Newsletter.
- We are currently considering our dissemination options for 2014 and plan to attend a number of national and international conferences in order to raise awareness of the Ox-PAQ and disseminate findings from each phase of the project. This will be discussed in more detail at our next meeting.
- Our next meeting has been arranged for the 21st November at the Sofitel Hotel, Heathrow, from 12.00 noon – 3.30 pm. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all there.
- Just a reminder that all documentation related to the project can be found at <http://www.dph.ox.ac.uk/research/hsru/OxPAQ>

That completes our second newsletter. We would, as always, be grateful for any feedback you might have. The next edition of *Ox-PAQ Update* will be circulated just prior to the Christmas break in December.

Please email David (david.morley@dph.ox.ac.uk) or Crispin (crispin.jenkinson@dph.ox.ac.uk) if you have any specific questions or suggestions regarding the project.

Regards to everybody,

The Ox-PAQ Team, 30th September 2013.

