

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

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

- Interviews with patients, which will form the basis of items in the Ox-PAQ, were completed in January. Forty-one interviews across eight conditions (arthritis, cancer, chronic back pain, diabetes, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and spinal cord injury) were conducted in total.
- Data generated from the patient interviews has been subjected to a detailed analysis and an initial meeting of the Ox-PAQ team has resulted in a preliminary pool of 95 candidate items. A second meeting will be held in April to reduce the number of items further and to produce a first draft of the Ox-PAQ.
- The draft questionnaire will be scrutinised by an expert panel of approximately fifteen participants during May. The panel will be made up of a broad range of practitioners and academics. The expert review will be followed by a series of cognitive interviews to pre-test the draft questionnaire. These will be conducted during June and we anticipate conducting approximately a dozen interviews.
- Our first Ox-PAQ abstract of 2014 has been accepted for poster presentation at the 18th International Congress of Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders, which will take place in Stockholm, Sweden at the beginning of June. The abstract will be published in the journal *Movement Disorders*. The full reference and link will be provided in our next Newsletter.
- Our second abstract of 2014 will shortly be submitted for presentation at the 21st Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Research. This will take place in Berlin, Germany in October. Notification of acceptance of abstracts is due by the middle of June.
- A communications plan for the Ox-PAQ initiative is currently being considered with ISIS Outcomes, which is part of Isis Innovation Limited, the



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Technology Transfer Company for the University of Oxford. Further details of this will be provided in due course.

- 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 fourth newsletter. We would, as always, be grateful for any feedback you might have. The next edition of *Ox-PAQ Update* will be circulated at the end of June.

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.

Kind regards to everybody,

The Ox-PAQ Team, 25th March 2014.

