



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

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

- The survey phase of the project is well underway and will run until the end of March. We currently have 399 participants recruited and have received 294 completed survey booklets. The test-retest procedure has also been well supported by participants, with 239 so far agreeing to complete the Ox-PAQ for a second time. To date, we have received 137 test-retest responses. We are, as ever, hugely grateful to the following organisations for their support in recruiting participants: Floura Health Care, Macmillan Cancer, MND Association, MS Society, Spinal Injuries Association and Parkinson's UK.
- In addition to our main survey, the Ox-PAQ has been incorporated into the OxVALVE study. This population cohort study is based in Oxfordshire and has two aims. Firstly, to identify people with valvular heart disease (VHD) and thereby establish its incidence within the population. Secondly, through further investigation, the researchers hope to develop improved treatment strategies for VHD. The study should generate important validation data for the Ox-PAQ and will be combined with data from the main Ox-PAQ survey. Further details of OxVALVE can be found at the following link:

<http://oxvalve.nhs.uk/>

- Our second abstract of 2014 was presented in October at the 21st Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Research in Berlin. The abstract has been published in the journal *Quality of Life Research* and can be viewed at the following link:

<http://link.springer.com/journal/11136/23/1/suppl/page/1>

The full reference for the abstract is as follows:

Kelly, L., Dummett, S., Dawson, J., Fitzpatrick, R., Jenkinson, C., Morley, D. (2014). Generating items for the Oxford Participation and Activities Questionnaire (Ox-PAQ). *Quality of Life Research* 23(S1), 81-82.



- Our first Ox-PAQ abstract for presentation in 2015 has been submitted to the 19th International Congress of Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders, which will take place in San Diego, USA in June. Acceptance notification should be received in early March.
- 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 seventh newsletter. We would, as always, be grateful for any feedback you might have. The next edition of *Ox-PAQ Update* will be circulated towards the end of March 2015.

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 and Season's Greetings to all,

The Ox-PAQ Team,

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