

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

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

- Seven cognitive interviews to pre-test the Ox-PAQ were completed in June and July. As a result, some minor changes were made to the wording of questions and examples given to respondents, and two items were separated into 4 items. After this process the Ox-PAQ stood as a 29-item draft questionnaire.
- A translatability assessment of the draft Ox-PAQ was completed by PharmaQuest in July and August. Prior to the assessment a concept elaboration document was produced. As a consequence, some adjustments to wording and examples were made, two items were deleted and one was separated into two items. After this process the Ox-PAQ stood as a 28-item draft. A translatability assessment was subsequently conducted in Afrikaans, Arabic, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Russian, Simplified Chinese and Spanish. This resulted in minor changes to the wording of the instruction header and a number of individual items. All items were retained.
- A second series of cognitive interviews was completed in August and September to confirm that changes made during the translatability assessment were acceptable to respondents. A total of 6 interviews were undertaken resulting in minor changes to the wording of one item, with all items again being retained.
- Recruitment of participants for the survey phase of the project has begun, with the first questionnaires due to be mailed out during October. The project now has a dedicated email ([oxpaq@dph.ox.ac.uk](mailto:oxpaq@dph.ox.ac.uk)) and phone number (01865 289447) for participants to use during this stage. We are, as ever, hugely grateful to the following organisations for supporting the recruitment process: Floura Health Care, Macmillan Cancer, MND Association, MS Society, Spinal Injuries Association and Parkinson's UK.
- Data from the item generation and pretesting stages (patient interviews, expert review and cognitive interviews) are currently being drafted as a

paper for submission to the journal *Patient Related Outcome Measures*. The progress of this will be reported in our next newsletter.

- Our second abstract of 2014 will be presented in October at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Research in Berlin. The abstract will be published in the journal *Quality of Life Research* and the full reference and link will be provided in our next newsletter.
- An invitation has been accepted to present the development process of the Ox-PAQ over two talks at a three-day school to be held at the Institute of Health Economics & Management at the University of Lausanne (27-29<sup>th</sup> April, 2015). This three-day course has been designed specifically to address the needs of the pharmaceutical industry and medical device industry. Further details of the course can be viewed at the following link:  
<http://www.hec.unil.ch/iems/evenements/three-day-autumn-school>
- Our next Ox-PAQ Steering Group meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 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 sixth newsletter. We would, as always, be grateful for any feedback you might have. The next edition of *Ox-PAQ Update* will be circulated just before Christmas.

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Kind regards to all,

The Ox-PAQ Team, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

