

Questions on Life Satisfaction– Movement Disorder (QLS-MD) and Deep Brain Stimulation (QLS-DBS) Modules

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Classification:	Supplemental
Short Description of Instrument:	The QLS-MD is a disease-specific measure intended to evaluate the effects of having a movement disorder on quality of life. It consists of 12 items, each rated twice: once for relative importance and once for satisfaction. The QLS-DBS module is designed specifically to evaluate the effect of deep brain stimulation on life satisfaction/satisfaction with health and is therefore only appropriate for patients undergoing deep brain stimulation. It is meant to be used in conjunction with the movement disorders (MD) module.
Scoring:	<p>The QLS-MD and QLS-DBS are part of a family of multidimensional, modular questionnaires, the questions on life satisfaction modules (QLSM) developed in Germany by some of the same authors. The QLSM has been validated in a representative sample of 7796 individuals in Germany, and has been translated into UK English, US English, Dutch, Spanish, and Italian. With a total of 16 items, QLSM covers aspects of general life and health in two modules. QLS-A is a measure of general life satisfaction, QLS-G measures satisfaction with health. A key feature of this modular questionnaire concept—distinguishing it from other disease specific, self rating questionnaires—is that each item is weighted according to its relative importance to the individual.</p> <p>The two disease-specific modules, QLS-MD and QLS-DBS, were developed simultaneously. The modules are intended to be used together when assessing people with movement disorders who have DBS but they can also be used separately.</p>
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