

Veterans Rand 36-Item Health Survey (VR-36)

Availability	Please email the authors for information about obtaining the instrument: lek@bu.edu
Classification:	Supplemental: Acute Hospitalized, Concussion/Mild TBI, Epidemiology, Moderate/Severe TBI: Rehabilitation Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
Short Description of Instrument:	The Veterans Rand-36 (VR-36) Health Survey is a 36-item evaluation developed from the RAND 36-Item Health Survey for research with veterans. Likert-style questions assess physical functioning, role limitations due to physical problems, role limitations due to emotional problems, bodily pain, general health, vitality, social function, and mental health. Two items addressing change in physical and emotional health over the last year are included. Separate physical and mental summary scores can be computed. The VR-36 is widely used by the U.S. Veterans Health Administration.
Scoring:	T-scores (mean=50, SD=10), where higher scores indication better health.
References:	Kazis LE, Miller DR, Clark JA, et al. (2004) Improving the response choices on the veterans SF-36 health survey role functioning scales: Results from the Veterans Health Study. <i>J Ambul Care Manage</i> , 27(3), 263–280. Perlin J, Kazis LE, Skinner K, et al. Health status of veterans: Physical and mental component summary scores (SF-36V). <i>1999 National Survey of Ambulatory Care patients, Executive Report, Office of performance and Quality, Health Assessment Project HSR&D Field Program, Washington, DC and Bedford, MA, May 2000.</i>