

NIH Resources

The NINDS also strongly encourages researchers to use these NIH developed materials for NINDS-sponsored research, when appropriate. Utilization of these resources will enable greater consistency for NINDS-sponsored research studies. These tools are free of charge.

- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Toolbox
- Quality of Life in Neurological Disorders (Neuro-QOL)
- Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS)

Suicidal Ideation

Investigators should review the FDA's "Guidance for Industry: Suicidal Ideation and Behavior: Prospective Assessment of Occurrence in Clinical Trials" for the most up-to-date information about suicidal ideation and behavior. One scale that FDA suggests is the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) (available at Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale Website).



Domain;	Recommendations
Subdomain	
Huntington's Disease	These instruments and elements are recommended for use in all Huntington Disease studies:
	Core instruments: Unified Huntington's Disease Rating Scale (UHDRS) Motor Function, Total Functional Capacity, Functional Assessment Checklist, and Independence Scale
	Supplemental – Highly Recommended Cognitive Instruments: Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA), Symbol Digit Modality Test, and Trail Making Test
	Supplemental – Highly Recommended Quality of Life/Patient Reported Outcomes Instruments: HDQLIFE and Quality of Life in Neurological Disorders (Neuro-QOL)
	Supplemental – Highly Recommended Emotional/Behavioral Instruments: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS)
	Supplemental – Highly Recommended Motor Function Instruments: None
	Core and Supplemental-Highly Recommended elements: See Start-Up Resource Listing document (Huntington's Disease Start-Up Resource Listing)
Participant Characteristics; Demographics	Core: General Core, Demographics Supplemental-Highly Recommended: General Core, Demographics Supplemental: Demographics
	Exploratory: None



Domain; Subdomain	Recommendations
Participant Characteristics; Social Status	Core: None
	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: None
	Supplemental: Social Status
	Exploratory: None
Participant History and Family History; General Health History	Core: None
	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: None
	Supplemental: Family History
	Exploratory: None
Participant History and Family	Core: None
History;	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: None
Epidemiology / Environmental History	Supplemental: Food Frequency Questionnaire (FFQ), Godin Leisure -Time Exercise Questionnaire, History of Early Exposure to Huntington's disease, Infection History, Non-prescribed Drug Use Questionnaire, PD DOC Mini Environmental Risk Questionnaire for Parkinson's Disease Patients Baseline (PD DOC MERQ-PD-B), Risk Factor Questionnaire (RFQ) - All, RFQ - Epidemiology of Dystonia, RFQ - NSAIDS and Calcium Channel Blockers (CCB), RFQ - Occupation and Employment Status, RFQ - Female Health History, RFQ - Residential History, RFQ-Toxicants, RFQ-U Height and Weight, RFQ U Pesticides (Home), RFQ-U Pesticides (Work), RFQ-U Smoking and Tobacco, The Medical Research Council Physical Activity Assessment, National Institutes of Health Diet History Questionnaire (DHQ), World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule (WHODAS) Exploratory: None
Disease / Injury	Core: None
Related Event;	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: None
History of Disease / Injury Event	Supplemental: Medical History of Huntington's Disease, Ohio State University TBI Identification Method Short Form
	Exploratory: None



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Assessments and Examinations; Laboratory Tests and Biospecimens/ Biomarkers	Core: None
	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: DNA Elements- Information from the Laboratory, DNA Elements- Information from the Study Investigator, DNA Elements-Participant/Subject Information
	Supplemental: Blood Collection and Processing Guidelines, CSF Collection and Processing Guidelines, DNA Elements- Information from the Laboratory, NINDS Repository Huntington's Disease Data Elements, Other Biological Specimens Collection Guidelines, Solid Tissue Collection Guidelines, Urine Collection and Processing Guidelines
	Exploratory: None
Assessments and Examinations; Imaging Diagnostics	Core: None
	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: None
	Supplemental: Magnetic Resonance (MR) Localization Imaging
	Exploratory: None
Assessments and Examinations; Other Clinical Data	Core: Neuropathology Data Form
	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: None
	Supplemental: HD Brain Processing Guidelines, Neuropathology Data Form, Preparation of Brains for Stereological Evaluation Guidelines
	Exploratory: None
Outcomes and Endpoints; Summary of All Outcome Recommendations	Core: None
	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: None
	Supplemental: HD CDE Instrument Recommendations by Domain and Classification
	Exploratory: None



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Outcomes and Endpoints; Emotional / Behavioral	Core: None
	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS)
	Supplemental: Apathy Evaluation Scale, Apathy Scale (AS), Cambridge Brain Repair Centre (BRC) HD Sleep Questionnaire, Concise Health Risk Tracking (CHRT), Florida Obsessive Compulsive Inventory (FOCI), Frontal Systems Behavioral Scale (FrSBe), Irritability Scale, Padua Inventory - Washington State University Revision, Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI), Problem Behaviours Assessment HD - Short Version (PBAs), Scale for Outcomes in PD- Sleep (SCOPA-Sleep)
	Exploratory: None
Outcomes and Endpoints; Cognitive	Core: None
	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA), Symbol Digit Modality Test, and Trail Making Test
	Supplemental: Written Verbal Fluency Test, Circle Tracing, Delis Kaplan Executive Functioning System (DKEFS)-Trail Making Tests, Cognitive Summary Table and Guidelines for CDE Use, Hopkins Verbal Learning Test-Revised (HVLT-R), Cued Movement Sequencing, Emotional Recognition, Map Search Task, Mental Rotation, Phonemic Verbal Fluency (PVF), Self-Paced Tapping, Speeded Tapping Test Simple and Two-Choice Reaction Time, Spot the Change, Stroop Test
	Exploratory: None
Outcomes and	Core: None
Endpoints; Functional	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: None
Outcomes	Supplemental: PROMIS Pain Interference Short Form, NIH Toolbox
	Exploratory: Sickness Impact Profile (SIP)
Outcomes and Endpoints; Motor Function	Core: Unified Huntington's Disease Rating Scale (UHDRS) Motor Function, Total Functional Capacity, Functional Assessment Checklist, and Independence Scale
	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: None
	Supplemental: Timed Up and Go
	Exploratory: The Huntington's Disease Dysphagia Scale



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Subdomain	
Outcomes and	Core: None
Endpoints; Quality of Life/Patient Reported Outcomes	Supplemental-Highly Recommended: HDQLife and Quality of Life in Neurological Disorders (Neuro-QOL)
	Supplemental: 36-Item Short Form Health Survey (SF-36), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Toolbox, Huntington's Disease Health Related Quality of Life (HDQoL), EuroQoL-5 Dimension Questionnaire
	Exploratory: None