# Map of Quality of Life (QOL) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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## What is HRQoL and why should I measure it?

- What is health-related quality of life?
- Where does HRQoL sit within the broader family of 'patient reported outcomes'?
- Why include HRQoL as an endpoint in my cancer clinical trial?

## How do I measure HRQoL and other PROs?

- How is HRQoL typically measured?
- How do I choose which HRQoL questionnaire to use in my study?
- Where can I get hold of HRQoL questionnaires to use in my research?
- How often should I measure HRQoL in my clinical trial?
- Can I ask caregivers or health professionals about patient HRQoL?
- The EORTC QLQ and FACIT HRQoL measurement suites
    - *The EORTC QLQ HRQoL measurement suite*
    - *The FACIT HRQoL measurement suite*
    - *The EORTC QLQ and FACIT measurement suites compared*
- Valuation of quality of life for health economics purposes
- How do I measure symptoms in people with cancer?
- How do I measure psychological distress in people with cancer?
- Assessing the supportive care needs of people with cancer
- Practical issues for clinical trials managers

## How do I analyse, interpret and report HRQoL data?

- How do I analyse longitudinal HRQoL data?
- How should I report the HRQOL component of my cancer clinical trial?
    - *Checklist for evaluating reports of HRQoL assessment in clinical trials.*
- Why is missing HRQoL data such a problem, and what can I do about it?
- Missing Data in Quality of Life

## Issues specific to various cancer groups

### 1. Population

- Measuring the quality of life of caregivers
- Measuring quality of life in children
- Measuring quality of life at the end of life
- Measuring the quality of life of cancer survivors

### 2. Cancer type

- Breast cancer and quality of life
- Brain tumours and quality of life
- Gastrointestinal cancer and quality of life
- Gynaecological cancer and quality of life
- Head and neck cancer and quality of life
- Leukaemia and quality of life
- Lung cancer and quality of life
- Lymphoma and quality of life
- Melanoma and quality of life
- Prostate cancer and quality of life
- Sarcomas and quality of life
- Testicular cancer and quality of life

### 3. Treatment

- Chemotherapy and quality of life.