

The Development and Assessment of a Quality of Life Measure (CASP-19) in the Context of Research on Ageing

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Abstract

This paper describes the conceptual development of a self-completion measure of quality of life and presents an empirical evaluation of its structure using MPlus across three survey settings using confirmatory factor analysis. Quality of life is derived from an explicit theory of human need. The measure, CASP-19, consists of 19 Likert scale items, which cover four theoretical domains: control, autonomy, self-realisation and pleasure. The three settings include the Boyd-Orr survey conducted in 2000 as a follow-up of respondents first interviewed as children in the 193's as well as the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing and the retirement module of the 2002 wave of the British Household Panel Survey. The work is funded under the UK's Economic and Social Research Council's Growing Older Programme and the their Priority Network on Human Capability and Resilience.