Cerebral Palsy Quality of Life Questionnaire for Children (CP QOL-Child)

CP QOL-Child

The CP QOL-Child is a cerebral palsy-specific questionnaire designed to assess the child's perceived quality of life. Unlike measures focused solely on functional limitations, it explores the child's subjective experience in several clinically relevant domains, including social well-being, emotions, self-image, participation, pain, the experience of daily functioning, and the care environment. This tool is particularly useful for psychologists, pediatric neurologists, rehabilitation teams, and researchers who wish to document the overall impact of cerebral palsy on the child's life, monitor changes over time, and guide individualized interventions. The CP QOL-Child is available in self-report and parent-proxy versions; the version used here is the child self-report, used when the child's comprehension and communication skills allow it.

Number of questions	52 questions
Estimated duration	20 minutes
Language	English
Original name	Cerebral Palsy Quality of Life Questionnaire for Children
Target audience	Children
Authors	Elizabeth Waters, Euan Davis, Andrew Mackinnon, Roslyn Boyd, H. Kerr Graham, Sing Kai Lo, Rory Wolfe, Robert Stevenson, Kristie Bjornson, Eve Blair (2007)
Category	Childhood

Preview of the 52 questions

How do you feel about...

the way you get along with people generally?

1 - Very unhappy | 2 | 3 - Unhappy | 4 | 5 - Neither happy nor unhappy | 6 | 7 - Happy | 8 | 9 - Very happy

How do you feel about...

the way you get along with the person who looks after you?

1 - Very unhappy | 2 | 3 - Unhappy | 4 | 5 - Neither happy nor unhappy | 6 | 7 - Happy | 8 | 9 - Very happy

How do you feel about...

the way you get along with your brothers & sisters?

1 - Very unhappy | 2 | 3 - Unhappy | 4 | 5 - Neither happy nor unhappy | 6 | 7 - Happy | 8 | 9 - Very happy

I do not have any brothers or sisters

How do you feel about...

the way you get along with other children at school?

If you attend more than one school, please think about the school where you spend the most time.

1 - Very unhappy | 2 | 3 - Unhappy | 4 | 5 - Neither happy nor unhappy | 6 | 7 - Happy | 8 | 9 - Very happy

How do you feel about...

the way you get along with other children outside of school?

1 - Very unhappy | 2 | 3 - Unhappy | 4 | 5 - Neither happy nor unhappy | 6 | 7 - Happy | 8 | 9 - Very happy

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Scoring & interpretation

Items are scored on an ordinal scale of satisfaction or frequency, depending on the format of the version, and then transformed into standardized scores from 0 to 100. Results are calculated by domain by averaging the corresponding items after recoding if necessary. A higher score indicates better perceived quality of life in the domain concerned. Interpretation should favor the subscale profile rather than a single overall score, taking into account the level of communication, the family context, and associated motor limitations.

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