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Outcome Measures in Rehabilitation

Message from the Guest Editors

An outcome measure is a measure of the initial, intermediate or final outcome of a rehabilitation intervention, whether inpatient or outpatient, most commonly in the musculoskeletal, neurological or cardiopulmonary field. Depending on the patient, the type of treatment and its expected effects, one or more outcome measures may be chosen. An outcome measure can be qualitative or quantitative. On the one hand, qualitative measures are subject to intra- and inter-rater variability; on the other hand, quantitative measures are precise but sometimes time-consuming and rely on expensive equipment. For example, muscle strength can be measured qualitatively using the manual muscle test or quantitatively using a handheld dynamometer.

The aim of this Special Issue is to provide researchers and clinicians with examples of using rehabilitation outcome measures from real-world experience.

Successful rehabilitation requires a clear definition of goals and measurable objectives to evaluate and guide interventions.

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