
What measures can be used?

Many choices available

APHAB

HHIE

COSI

HHQ

QDS

SAC

HAUQ

IOI - HA

SSQ

GHABP

IOI - AI

SADL

CPHI

Features of measures

- **Commonalities =**
 - self-report
 - for adults with hearing impairment
 - **Differences =**
 - dimensions of outcome (aid use, satisfaction, benefit, disability, QOL)
 - focus (intervention vs the person)
 - evaluation of change (pre/post comparison or post-only)
 - type of intervention (aid vs alternatives)
 - source of information (client or SO)
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Examples: Post fitting

SADL (Cox & Alexander, 1999)

- For hearing aids only
- *How content are you with the appearance of your hearing aids?*
- 15 items
- 7 response choices: A not at all....G Tremendously
- Administered post-rehab only

IOI (Cox et al., 2002)

- Versions for hearing aids, alternative interventions and significant others
 - 7 items about different dimensions: use, benefit, RAL, satisfaction, RPR, Impact on Others, QOL
 - 5 response choices
 - Administered post-rehab only
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Examples: Pre-Post fitting

HHQ (Noble & Gatehouse, 2004)

- For any type of rehabilitation – focus on the person
- *How often does your hearing difficulty restrict the things you do?*
- 12 items
- 5 response choices: Never (1)....Almost Always (5)
- Administered pre and post-rehab

COSI (Dillon et al., 1997)

- Designed for use with hearing aids
 - Number of items depends on number of goals identified
 - 5 response choices in 2 domains: improvement and final ability
 - Administered post-rehab only
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What you might use in your clinic depends on

- what you want to measure
- what your clients would cope with
- what type of intervention you have used
- what you want to do with the results (individual, group/service, or population level)

How?



- Select a measure and a timeframe
 - Mail out probably best
 - Include a letter or perhaps an incentive to get a good response rate
 - Assure clients that their responses will not jeopardize their treatment in your clinic
 - Analyse the responses, make comparisons, plan for change
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