

Measuring Outcomes in Clinical Research

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Behavioral Objectives of the Presentation

1. Distinguish between global and disease and treatment-specific outcome measures.
2. Describe the basic methods by which the measurement properties and content of outcome measures are evaluated.
3. Explain how a health status measure can be both a predictor as well as an outcomes variable.
4. List several problems in the cross-cultural interpretation of health outcomes.
5. Delineate a structure for selecting outcome measures for cohort studies.
6. Describe the basic considerations for selecting outcome measures that are applied to short and long-term clinical trials.