



## **Assessment, action, and accountability:**

### **Achieving optimal patient-centered outcomes through quality of life research**

Healthcare providers in the US, Europe, and elsewhere are increasingly being held accountable for the outcomes of the patients they treat. Central to the concept of accountability is a thorough understating of the role of patient-reported outcome measures in healthcare delivery. In the absence of patient-reported outcomes, healthcare providers and oversight agencies must rely on other metrics such as emergency department visits, re-hospitalization, complications, and mortality.

Engagement with patients and other key stakeholders is critical to ensuring the outcomes measured are patient-centered. ISOQOL is uniquely positioned to contribute to this international discussion to advance theory, methods, and application of quality of life research in the pursuit of optimal patient-centered outcomes.

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