

2012

MS-EDGE Outcome Measures for In- and Out-Patient Rehabilitation

The MS-EDGE task force reviewed 63 outcome measures covering the range of body structure and function, activity, and participation, evaluating each for psychometrics and clinical utility for patients with multiple sclerosis. Through literature review, analysis, and a modified Delphi procedure, recommendations were formulated for outcome measures that are highly recommended for use in rehabilitation settings. Additional measures are recommended, but not as strongly. Additional materials are available at http://www.neuropt.org/go/healthcare-professionals/neurology-section-outcome-measures-recommendations/multiple-sclerosis

Recommendations for Patients with Multiple Sclerosis:

Highly Recommended Measures:

12-Item MS Walking Scale 6-Minute Walk Test 9-Hole Peg Test Berg Balance Scale Dizziness Handicap Inventory † MS Functional Composite † MS Impact Scale (MSIS-29) MS Quality of Life (MS QoI-54) Timed 25 Foot Walk Timed Up & Go (TUG) with Cognitive & Manual

Recommended Measures:

Activities-Specific Balance **Confidence Scale** Box & Blocks test **Disease Steps Dizziness Handicap Inventory *** Dynamic Gait Index Fatigue Scale for Motor & **Cognitive Functions** Four Square Step Test Functional Assessment of MS **Functional Independence** Measure * **Functional Reach Goal Attainment Scale** Guy's Neurological Disability Scale

Hauser Ambulation Index Maximal Inspiratory & **Expiratory** Pressure VO_2 max and VO_2 peak † Modified Fatigue Impact Scale MS Functional Composite * MS International Quality of Life Questionnaire MS Quality of Life Inventory † **Rivermead Mobility Index** Short Form Health Survey of Medical Outcome Study (SF -36) +Trunk Impairment Scale * Visual Analog Scale (fatigue) *=inpatient rehab only *t*=outpatient rehab only

Task force members: Kirsten Potter, PT, DPT, MS, NCS – Chair; Diane D. Allen, PT, PhD; Susan Bennett, PT, DPT, EdD, NCS, MSCS; Kathleen Brandfass, MS, PT; Evan Cohen, PT, MA, PhD, NCS; Gail Widener, PT, PhD; and Amy Yorke, PT, NCS