

possible. We would expect reliability to be comparable to that shown for similar visual analog scales²⁴.

There may also be concerns regarding the generalizability of our results, given that the overall disease burden in our subjects was relatively mild. However, we enrolled our subjects consecutively from our clinics; this method of enrollment is likely to enroll more severely affected subjects who must be seen in the clinic more often. Therefore, the relatively high quality of life scores observed in our subjects are unlikely to have been overestimated. Our results should be applicable to pediatric rheumatology patients managed at tertiary care facilities.

We show that while the parent's answers on the QoML questionnaire may be complementary to their child's, the parent cannot be considered an identical proxy. In addition, we have shown that the QoML questionnaire is a valid measurement tool, that directly measures respondents' own values, for children with arthritis. Finally, determination of the MCID will enable clinicians to consider changes in QoML scores in a clinically meaningful context.

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Appendix. Quality Of My Life Questionnaire.

Quality of My Life

Some of the children who come to see us feel that their life is not that great, while others think that their life is O.K. How about you?

OVERALL, my life is...

The **WORST** The **BEST**
 ☹ ☺
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 Considering my **HEALTH**, my life is ...

The **WORST** The **BEST**
 ☹ ☺
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Since the last time I was here my life is...

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
This is my	Much	A Little	The	A Little	Much
FIRST visit	WORSE	WORSE	SAME	BETTER	BETTER

Check one or both boxes.
 This form was filled out by

Me:

My parent:

Other:
 (please explain)

Date: □□□□/□□/□□
 (Year/Month/Day)