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Selecting Instruments and Measures: Some Practical Examples
Part of the workshop will be concerned with discussing measures used to assess health states and health related quality of life. The constructs of well being, quality of life and health related quality of life will be reviewed. Participants will be asked to complete some health related quality of life measures in order to discuss some of the practical and research issues that arise when using these instruments for patient/client based assessments. The typology of measures and indicators will be briefly examined as will the psychometric properties that apply to instruments (reliability, validity, responsiveness to change). The group will discuss issues that are relevant to the selection of measures and instruments used to ascertain health outcomes within the context of quality improvement and health service evaluation. Utility instruments used for cost utility analysis will be briefly discussed.