

## **ABSTRACT**

The aim of this paper is to introduce the podiatry profession to the Foot Health Status Questionnaire (FHSQ). This is a new questionnaire specifically designed to measure foot health related quality of life. The concepts of quality of life, health outcomes measurement and psychometric validation of a questionnaire are discussed in this paper. Details of the steps which were undertaken in the questionnaire's development are provided. A number of examples are provided to illustrate how practitioners may use information from the FHSQ in their day to day practice. It is hoped that this questionnaire will be used by podiatrists to evaluate the level of effectiveness of their clinical interventions. This can be achieved by using the FHSQ to predict an individual or groups of individuals' foot health before and after treatment.

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