Functional Activities Questionnaire (FAQ)

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The Functional Activities Questionnaire (FAQ) serves a screening tool for evaluating ADI's independence. The instrument was intended for community studies of normal aging and moderate senile dementia.

In order to take the FAQ, a lay informant (i.e. spouse, friend, or relative) must administer it. The participant must respond to 10-items pertaining to daily tasks needed when living independently. A scale ranging from independence (0) to dependence (3) is used for responses. Approximately 10 minutes is required for completion.

Author

Robert I. Pfeffer, 1982

Reliability and Validity

The FAQ has fairly high reported correlations with other mental functioning instruments. Calculated with a study of 158 elderly people, the FAQ correlates a score of 0.72 with the Lawton and Brody’s IADL; furthermore, all of the FAQ’s correlations were above 0.70 except with the Raven’s matrices (0.41). A reported 0.97 inter-rater reliability shows excellent reliability. However, the scale shows some difficulty in differentiating between demented and non-demented people.

Obtaining the FAQ

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