

# SCALING AND SCORING OF THE King's Health Questionnaire (KHQ)

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The King's Health Questionnaire is composed of 21 items investigating 9 domains.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE:**

The King's Health Questionnaire is composed of 3 parts:

Part I: General health perception and Incontinence impact.

Part II: Role limitations, Physical limitations, Social limitations, Personal relationships, Emotions, Sleep/Energy, Severity measures

Part III: Symptom severity scale, a list of 10 bladder problems plus an 'other' category that can be specified by the person using the questionnaire.

Domains	Number of Items	Cluster of Items	Item Reversion	Direction of Domains
General health perceptions	1	1	No	Lower score = better QoL
Incontinence impact	1	2	No	
Role limitations	2	3a-3b	No	
Physical limitations	2	4a-4b	No	
Social limitations	2	4c-4d	No	
Personal relationships	3	5a-5c	No	
Emotions	3	6a-6c	No	
Sleep/Energy	2	7a-7b	No	
Severity measures	5	8a-8e	No	

### **SCORING OF DOMAINS AND OF THE SYMPTOM SEVERITY SCALE :**

<b>Item scaling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5-point Likert scales for the General health perceptions domain</li> <li>- 4-point Likert scale plus a "Not applicable" option for the Personal relationships domain</li> <li>- 4-point Likert scales for the seven other domains</li> <li>- 3-point Likert scale for the Symptom severity scale</li> </ul>
<b>Weighting of items</b>	No
<b>Extension of the Scoring Scale</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Range of the domains scores. 0 (best) to 100 (worst)</li> <li>- Range of the Symptom severity scale score: 0 (best) to 30 (worst)</li> </ul>
<b>Scoring Procedure</b>	<p>Each domain is scored separately according to the following procedure:</p> <p><i>Part I:</i></p>

- General health perceptions
  - Very good 1
  - Good 2
  - Fair 3
  - Poor 4
  - Very poor 5

$$\text{Score} = [(\text{Score to Q1} - 1) / 4] \times 100$$

- Incontinence impact
  - Not at all 1
  - A little 2
  - Moderately 3
  - A lot 4

$$\text{Score} = [(\text{Score to Q2} - 1) / 3] \times 100$$

*Part II:*

- Role limitations
  - Not at all 1
  - Slightly 2
  - Moderately 3
  - A lot 4

$$\text{Score} = [((\text{Score to Q 3a} + \text{Q 3b}) - 2) / 6] \times 100$$

- Physical limitations
  - Not at all 1
  - Slightly 2
  - Moderately 3
  - A lot 4

$$\text{Score} = [(\text{Score to Q 4a} + \text{Q 4b}) - 2] / 6] \times 100$$

- Social limitations
  - Not at all 1
  - Slightly 2
  - Moderately 3
  - A lot 4

$$\text{If } Q5C \geq 1 \quad \text{Score} = [(\text{Score to Q 4c} + \text{Q 4d} + \text{Q5c}) - 3] / 9] \times 100$$

$$\text{If } Q5C = 0 \quad \text{Score} = [(\text{Score to Q 4c} + \text{Q 4d}) - 2] / 6] \times 100$$

- Personal relationships
  - Not applicable 0
  - Not at all 1
  - Slightly 2
  - Moderately 3
  - A lot 4

$$\text{If } Q5a + Q5b \geq 2 \quad \text{Score} = [((\text{Score to Q 5a} + \text{Q 5b}) - 2) / 6] \times 100$$

$$\text{If } Q5a + Q5b = 1 \quad \text{Score} = [((\text{Score to Q 5a} + \text{Q 5b}) - 1) / 3] \times 100$$

If  $Q5a + Q5b = 0$  Treat as missing value

- Emotions
  - Not at all 1
  - Slightly 2
  - Moderately 3
  - Very much 4

$$\text{Score} = [((\text{Score to Q 6a} + \text{Q 6b} + \text{Q6c}) - 3) / 9] \times 100$$

	<p>- Sleep/energy</p> <p>Never 1</p> <p>Sometimes 2</p> <p>Often 3</p> <p>All the time 4</p> <p>Score= [(Score to Q 7a +Q 7) – 2) / 6] x 100</p> <p>- Severity measures</p> <p>Never 1</p> <p>Sometimes 2</p> <p>Often 3</p> <p>All the time 4</p> <p>Score= [((Score to Q 8a +Q 8b + Q8c + Q8d + Q8e) – 5) / 15] x 100</p> <p>The Symptom severity scale (<i>Part III</i>) is scored as follows:</p> <p>A little 1</p> <p>Moderately 2</p> <p>A lot 3</p>
<b>Interpretation and Analysis of missing data</b>	<p>Missing responses for questions in a summated domain (i.e., all domains except the Symptom severity scale) are imputed if at least half of the items in the domain had non-missing responses by using the mean value of responses to other items within the same domain. Otherwise the domain score is set to missing.</p> <p>Omitted responses for the Symptom severity scale receive a score of 0 and are assumed to be non-problematic for the respondent.</p>
<b>Interpretation of multiple answers for one item</b>	<p>What to do when more than one answer is ticked by the patient (adjacent answers or not)</p>
<b>Interpretation and Analysis of 'non-concerned' answers</b>	<p>"Non-concerned" answers are response options designed for responders who feel that a question does not apply to them, is irrelevant, not applicable.</p> <p>To be completed only if "non concerned" answers are included in the instrument</p> <p>If yes: explain interpretation and analysis</p> <p>If not: line to be removed</p>

**REFERENCE(S):**

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COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE ADDED