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Measures of Hip Function and Symptoms

Harris Hip Score (HHS), Hip Disability and Osteoarthritis Outcome Score (HOOS), Oxford Hip Score (OHS), Lequesne Index of Severity for Osteoarthritis of the Hip (LISOH), and American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) Hip and Knee Questionnaire

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32 **INTRODUCTION**

33 Accurate measurements of hip outcomes and function are vital in the study of hip pathology.
34 Additionally, outcome measures can also be used in the clinical realm to track progress of treatment.
35 Several outcome measures have been developed in an effort to accurately assess hip symptoms and
36 function. A 2011 review of the most commonly used hip outcome scores was previously published in this
37 journal (1). Since then, a number of additional studies focusing on these outcomes scores have been
38 published to further refine our knowledge and potential utility of hip outcome scores. The purpose of
39 review is to provide updated information with regards to the most commonly used hip outcome scores
40 which include the Harris Hip Score (HHS), the Hip Disability and Osteoarthritis Outcome Score (HOOS),
41 Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS), the Oxford Hip Score (OHS),
42 the Lequesne Index of Severity for Osteoarthritis of the Hip (LISOH), the American Academy of
43 Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) Hip and Knee questionnaire, and the Western Ontario and McMaster
44 Universities Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC).

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46 **HARRIS HIP SCORE (HHS)**

47 ***Description***

48 **Purpose.** The HHS was initially developed for the assessment of the results of hip surgery, specifically
49 mold arthroplasties for post-traumatic osteoarthritis of the hip, in 1969 (2). It is now intended to
50 evaluate various hip disabilities and methods of treatment in the adult population.

51 **Content.** The original HHS covers pain, function, absence of deformity, and range of motion. The pain
52 domain measures pain severity and its effect on activities and need for pain medication. The function
53 domain assesses daily activities (stair use, using public transportation, sitting, and managing shoes and
54 socks) and gait. Deformity evaluates hip flexion, adduction, internal rotation, and extremity length
55 discrepancy. Range of motion measures hip flexion, abduction, external and internal rotation, and
56 adduction.

57 A modified version is also now available (HHS-modified) which only assess the pain and function
58 components of the HHS. (3,4)

59 **Number of items.** In the original HHS, there are 10 items. In the HHS-modified, there are 8 items.

60 **Response options/scale.** The original HHS has a maximum of 100 points (best possible outcome)
61 covering pain (1 item, 0-44 points), function (7 items, 0-47 points), absence of deformity (1 item, 4
62 points), and range of motion (2 items, 5 points). The only includes pain and function, so has a maximum
63 of 91 points, however, the score is multiplied by 1.1 to get a maximum of 100.

64 **Recall period for items.** Not described

65 **Cost to use.** Free

66 **How to obtain.** Available in original article (2). URL: <http://www.orthopaedicscore.com/> ,
67 <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/5783851>. Modified HHS can be obtained by only completing the
68 pain and function components, then multiplying the score by 1.1.

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70 ***Practical application***

71 **Method of administration.** The HHS is a clinician-based outcome measure administered by a qualified
72 health care professional such as a physician or a physical therapist. The modified HHS is a self-
73 administered instrument.

74 **Scoring.** Each item has a unique numerical scale, which corresponds to descriptive response options.
75 The number of response options as well as the number of points assigned varies by each item. In the
76 original HHS, the range of motion item consists of six motions graded. Each range of motion factor is
77 assigned an index factor and a maximum possible value. These points are added and multiplied by 0.05
78 to receive the total points for range of motion. The total score is calculated by summing the scores for

79 the 4 domains. The modified HHS is calculated by summing the pain and function components of the
80 scale and multiplying by 1.1.

81 **Score interpretation.** Both the HHS and modified HHS have a maximum of 100 points. The higher the
82 HHS, the less dysfunction. Scores below 70 are typically considered a poor result. 70-80 is considered
83 fair, 80-90 is good, and 90-100 is considered excellent (2). Pain and function are the major score
84 contributors with 44 points possible for pain and 47 possible for function (14 for activities of daily living
85 and 33 for gait). Range of motion has a maximum of 5 points and deformity has a maximum of 4 points.

86 **Respondent time to complete.** Takes approximately 5 minutes to complete.

87 **Administrative burden.** No formal training is necessary to administer.

88 **Translations/adaptations.** The HHS has been used internationally (USA, Canada, Sweden, Europe, etc.),
89 but there are no validated versions in other languages.

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91 ***Psychometric information***

92 **Floor and ceiling effects.** Unacceptable ceiling effects for the HHS were reported in 31 of 59 studies (5).
93 Pooled data across studies (n of 6,667 patients) suggested ceiling effects of 20% (95% CI 18-22). The
94 modified HHS had reported ceiling effects of 27.5% (6). In a population of 294 patients who underwent
95 periacetabular osteotomy, the modified HHS had reported ceiling effects of 1% (7).

96 **Reliability.** For the original HHS, the test-retest reliability for total score was excellent for physicians ($r =$
97 0.94) and physiotherapists ($r = 0.95$). Both physicians and physiotherapists had excellent test-retest
98 reliability for pain and function ($r = 0.93-0.98$) (8). The interrater correlations were good to excellent in
99 two previous studies (0.74 – 1.0) (8,9).

100 The modified HHS was shown to have excellent reliability with a Cronbach's alpha score of 0.95
101 and high intraclass correlation (0.91 – 0.95) (10).

102 **Validity.** The content validity of the HHS has been tested by comparisons to the Western Ontario and
103 McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC) and the Short Form 36 (SF-36). The HHS has
104 demonstrated no major differences when compared to these scores (8). In assessment of construct
105 validity, the pain and function domains in HHS have been shown to correlate with similar domains in the

106 WOMAC, the Nottingham Health Profile, and the SF-36 (8,11). The correlation between the HHS and SF-
107 36 is notably strong in the physical domains, and weak in the mental domains.

108 The modified HHS has been compared to the SF-12 physical and mental subscale for validity and
109 was shown to have poor correlation with the mental subscale, but strong correlation with the physical
110 subscale (7).

111 **Responsiveness.** In a study of 335 total hip arthroplasties (THA), the HHS was found to be responsive to
112 pain and function at six-month post-operative follow-up, but weak at two-year follow-up (12). In a study
113 of 293 periacetabular osteotomies, the modified HHS was found to be adequately responsive (7).

114 **Minimally important differences.** In a study assessing the HHS in femoral neck fractures at four and 12
115 months post-operatively, the standardized response mean was 0.75 which was the best in ability to
116 detect change when compared to the Barthel Index and the EuroQol 5-domain (EQ-5D) (13). The
117 modified HHS was shown to have the lowest minimal clinically important difference when compared to
118 the WOMAC and HOOS (7).

119 **Generalizability.** Both the HHS and the modified HHS are generalizable to adult patients with hip
120 disabilities or undergoing hip surgeries.

121 **Use in clinical trials.** Both the HHS and the modified HHS have been used extensively in clinical trials
122 involving hip pathology and treatment of different hip conditions. The HHS has been used in trials that
123 range from assessment of treatment choice for femoral neck and intertrochanteric femur fractures
124 fractures to assessment of effectiveness of different injections for osteoarthritis of the hip (14–17). The
125 HHS is also a popular tool in studies relating to THAs given the focus of the measure on pain and
126 impaired physical function, which are the main indications for a THA (18–20). Similarly, the modified
127 HHS is widely used in clinical trials relating to hip pathology including injections, management of hip
128 fractures, hip arthroscopy, and THAs (21–25). The modified HHS has the benefit in clinical trials over HHS
129 of being self-administered and not requiring a clinician for assessment.

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131 ***Critical appraisal of overall value to the rheumatology community***

132 **Strengths.** As discussed above, the HHS and modified HHS are both widely used in evaluating outcomes
133 of THA given the focus on evaluation of pain and physical function (26). Additionally, the HHS and
134 modified HHS have been shown to be appropriate for use in measurement of outcomes of intervention

135 for treatment of femoral neck fractures, hip arthroscopy, and conservative management of hip
136 osteoarthritis (7,13,27).

137 **Caveats and cautions.** The main criticism of the HHS are the ceiling effects which limit its validity (5).

138 **Clinical usability.** The psychometric evaluation does not support interpretation of scores to make
139 decisions for individuals.

140 **Research usability.** As long as the researcher is aware of the ceiling effects, both the HHS and modified
141 HHS can be used for clinical outcome studies for a variety of hip pathologies.

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143 **HIP DISABILITY AND OSTEOARTHRITIS OUTCOME SCORE (HOOS)**

144 ***Description***

145 **Purpose.** The HOOS was developed as an adaptation of the Knee injury and Osteoarthritis Outcome
146 Score (KOOS), which itself is an adaptation of the WOMAC. It was created as an instrument of
147 assessment of an adult patients' opinion about their hip and hip disability. The HOOS was originally
148 developed in 2003 and has been validated in two different versions (28).

149 Several variations of the HOOS have also been developed, the HOOS – Joint Replacement
150 (HOOS-JR) short form and the HOOS – Physical Function (HOOS-PS) short form (29,30) and the HOOS-12.
151 The HOOS-JR is a six-item instrument developed specifically for patients undergoing THA measuring the
152 domains of pain and activities of daily living (ADLs). The HOOS-PS is a five-item measure of physical
153 function designed to elicit patients' opinions about difficulties experienced due to their hip problems.
154 The HOOS-12 is a 12-item HOOS retains the 3 subscores (pain, function/ADL, and quality of life).

155 **Content.** HOOS consists of five subscales: pain, other symptoms, function in ADLs, function in sport and
156 recreation, and hip related quality of life (QOL). The HOOS-JR measures only the domains of pain and
157 ADLs. The HOOS-PS measures physical function.

158 **Number of items.** The original HOOS contains 40 items total: 10 for pain, 5 for other symptoms, 17 for
159 function in ADLs, 4 for function in sports and recreation, and 4 for hip-related QOL. The HOOS-JR
160 contains 6 items total: 2 for pain and 4 for function. The HOOS-PS contains 5 items total all relating to
161 physical function. The HOOS-12 has 12 items, 4 pain, 4 function, 4 QOL.

162 **Response options/scale.** In the HOOS, HOOS-JR, and HOOS-PS, standardized answer options are given in
163 5 Likert boxes. Each question is scored 0-4. Scores are summarized and transformed into a 0-100 scale. A
164 score of 0 indicates extreme problems and 100 indicating no problems.

165 **Recall period for items.** The last week is taken into consideration for the questions.

166 **Cost to use.** Free

167 **How to obtain.** The HOOS, HOOS-PS, and HOOS-12 can be obtained at www.koos.nu. The HOOS-JR can
168 be obtained from www.aaos.org/uploadedFiles/HOOS-JR-2016.pdf.

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170 *Practical application*

171 **Method of administration.** The questionnaire for all forms of HOOS is patient reported.

172 **Scoring.** The manual scoring sheet is available from the above websites. Included are instructions for
173 handling missing values. Computer scoring can increase clinical usefulness.

174 **Score interpretation.** Scores can range from 0-100 and each subscale can have scores from 0-100 where
175 0 indicates extreme problems and 100 indicates no problems. The HOOS scores within each subscale
176 (pain, symptoms, ADLs, sports/rec, QOL) can be plotted for comparison of pre-intervention and post-
177 intervention comparison visualization.

178 **Respondent time to complete.** The original HOOS takes 10-15 minutes for a subject to complete. The
179 HOOS-JR, HOOS-PS, and HOOS-12 all take under 5 minutes to complete.

180 **Administrative burden.** Minimal administrative burden. Hand scoring of the HOOS can take 10-15
181 minutes without additional training. Computerized scoring can automate this process for instantaneous
182 results without further administrative need.

183 **Translations/adaptations.** The HOOS is available in 25 total languages including English, French,
184 German, Dutch, Italian, and Spanish among others (available on www.koos.nu). A number of
185 adaptations of the HOOS exist including the knee injury and osteoarthritis outcome score (KOOS), knee
186 injury and osteoarthritis score for children (KOOS-Child), foot and ankle outcome score (FAOS),
187 rheumatoid and arthritis outcome score (RAOS), hip and groin outcome score (HAGOS), and neck
188 outcome score (NOOS).

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190 ***Psychometric information***

191 **Floor and ceiling effects.** Floor and ceiling effects have been reported in different subscales within the
192 HOOS. Floor effects have been reported to range 4.1-17.8% in the sport/rec subscale in subjects eligible
193 for THA and patients with hip osteoarthritis (31–33). Ceiling effects have been reported in THA in all
194 subscales of the HOOS (31). No floor effects have been reported in the hip arthroscopy population,
195 however, ceiling effects were reported 12 and 24 months post-operatively in the ADL and sport/rec
196 subscales (34).

197 The HOOS-JR has been shown to have low floor effects (0.6-1.9%), but ceiling effects up to 37-
198 46% after THA (29). Floor and ceiling effects of the HOOS-PS have only been studied in the French
199 translation of the HOOS-PS, but no floor or ceiling effects were observed (33).

200 **Reliability.** The reliability of the HOOS has been examined in patients treated conservatively for hip
201 osteoarthritis, patients treated with THA, and for patient undergoing hip arthroscopy (28,31–34). In THA
202 patients, the internal consistency ranged from 0.82-0.98 (Cronbach's alpha coefficient) with the ADL
203 subscale having the highest consistency of 0.94-0.98 (28,32,33). The test-retest reproducibility has been
204 shown to be high in the THA population with an intraclass correlation coefficient of 0.75-0.97 (28,32,33).
205 In the hip arthroscopy population, the test-retest reliability was excellent with intraclass correlation
206 coefficients ranging from 0.91-0.97 (34).

207 The HOOS-JR was shown to have acceptable internal consistency as measured by Person
208 Separation Index (PSI) of 0.86 (29). Test-retest reliability was not reassessed in the HOOS-JR. The HOOS-
209 PS was shown to have an intraclass correlation coefficient of 0.86 (33).

210 **Validity.** The HOOS content validity was performed by asking patients to rate item importance (28,31).
211 Construct validity has been confirmed in hip osteoarthritis, THA, and hip arthroscopy studies by
212 comparison to the SF-36, Oxford Hip Score (OHS), and Lequesne Index, and visual analog scale for pain
213 (31–34). The HOOS-JR and HOOS-12 construct validity was confirmed with high correlations with the
214 pain and ADL domains of HOOS and the pain and function domains of the WOMAC with moderate
215 correlations with the other domains of the HOOS and WOMAC scores (29).

216 **Responsiveness.** All domains of the HOOS were found to be responsive in hip arthroscopy at 9 and 12-
217 month post-operative follow-up (34). In a study of patients who underwent a periacetabular osteotomy,

218 the HOOS was found to be responsive at 12-month follow-up (7). The HOOS-JR and HOOS-12 were
219 found to have very high responsiveness up to 2-years post-operatively (29). The HOOS-PS was also
220 found to have good responsiveness, but was only assessed 1-month post-operatively (33).

221 **Minimally important differences.** The smallest detectable difference of the HOOS ranged from 9.6 for
222 the ADL domain to 16.2 in the QOL domain (33). In hip arthroscopy, the minimal detectable change
223 ranged from 9 for ADL to 19 in the QOL domain (34).

224 **Generalizability.** The HOOS is generalizable to adult populations with hip ailments or undergoing hip
225 procedures. The HOOS-JR was developed for patients undergoing THA.

226 **Use in clinical trials.** The HOOS has been used extensively in clinical trials relating to hip osteoarthritis
227 and hip pathology. The HOOS is one of the more common patient reported measures of hip function and
228 post-operative outcomes. It has been used extensively in THA clinical studies (35–37), hip dysplasia
229 surgery (38,39), hip arthroscopy (40), and even in development of pain management protocols after hip
230 surgery (41). The HOOS-JR has only existed since 2016 and is intended mainly for THA, but it has been
231 used in recent trials related to THA outcomes (42,43). The HOOS-PS has also been used in clinical trials
232 relating to hip surgery, but is used far less frequently than the original HOOS (18,44,45).

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234 ***Critical appraisal of overall value to the rheumatology community***

235 **Strengths.** The HOOS can be used for younger and more active patients given the subscales and
236 individual domains. The HOOS has shown favorable qualities in reviews of psychometric properties in
237 assessment of patients after THA, hip arthroscopy, periacetabular osteotomy, and patients with hip
238 osteoarthritis not undergoing surgery (7,34,46,47).

239 **Caveats and cautions.** The HOOS is overall well received, however, it does have ceiling effects in all
240 domains which are also present in the HOOS-JR (29,34).

241 **Clinical usability.** The HOOS can be used to follow patients with hip conditions over time in clinic. The
242 HOOS-JR can be used in clinics which perform THA for monitoring patients.

243 **Research usability.** The HOOS, HOOS-JR, HOOS-12, and HOOS-PS are all usable in the research setting
244 for hip conditions.

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246 **PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES MEASUREMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (PROMIS)**

247 **Description**

248 **Purpose.** PROMIS was developed in 2004 by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for use in clinical
249 care and medical research (48). This system was intended to be used across multiple specialties, be
250 publically available, precise, and flexible.

251 **Content.** The PROMIS adult profile covers three domains: physical health, mental health, and social
252 health. Within each of these domains are more specific profile domains. Profile domains under physical
253 health include fatigue, pain intensity, pain interference, physical function, and sleep disturbance. Profile
254 domains under mental health include anxiety and depression. Within orthopaedics, the PROMIS physical
255 function, pain interference, and depression domains have been most commonly used (49–53).

256 **Number of items.** There are multiple options of measures within PROMIS which can vary in the number
257 of items. The short forms (SFs) are a fixed set of 4-10 items for one individual domain. Computer
258 adaptive tests (CATs) provide items selected dynamically from an item bank based upon the subject's
259 previous answers. The CATs are usually 4-12 items in length. Profiles are fixed collections of SFs from 7
260 different domains. Several versions of PROMIS Profiles exist ranging from 4-8 questions per domain.

261 **Response options/scale.** PROMIS uses a T-score metric. 50 is designed to be the mean of the population
262 and 10 is one standard deviation (SD) of the population. Therefore, a score of 60 would indicate that
263 subject is one SD above the mean for the population within the measured domain. Response options of
264 the questions depend on the category of question. Pain is typically measured on a 0-10 point scale.
265 Frequency, duration, intensity, and capability related questions typically have a scale of five variable
266 options.

267 **Recall period for items.** Most PROMIS items use a 7-day recall period. However, typically within the
268 physical function domain, the question is assessed in the present tense.

269 **Cost to use.** Free

270 **How to obtain.** The different PROMIS measures can be obtained from the HealthMeasures website at
271 www.healthmeasures.net/explore-measurement-systems/promis.

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273 **Practical application**

274 **Method of administration.** PROMIS scales are administered via paper or computer-based forms.

275 **Scoring.** Scoring manuals are available on the HealthMeasures website to allow conversion of the score
276 to a T-score. PROMIS measures are scored on a T-score metric. 50 is designed to be the mean of the
277 population and 10 is one SD of the population. Therefore, a score of 60 would indicate that subject is
278 one SD above the mean for the population within the measured domain.

279 **Score interpretation.** A score of 50 indicates the subject measures at the mean of the population in that
280 particular metric. One SD is 10 points. Therefore, a score of 60 would indicate that subject is one SD
281 above the mean for the population within the measured domain.

282 **Respondent time to complete.** PROMIS domains relating to hip pathology typically take less than 5-10
283 minutes for the subject to complete.

284 **Administrative burden.** Minimal overall administrative burden. However, the distributor must have
285 access to the scoring manuals for interpretation of the subjects' responses.

286 **Translations/adaptations.** The PROMIS adult domains are available in over 45 different languages
287 including English, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, and Italian.

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289 ***Psychometric information***

290 **Floor and ceiling effects.** There has been little overall study on psychometric properties of the PROMIS
291 score in relation to hip pathology. In a study of patients who underwent periacetabular osteotomy for
292 symptomatic hip dysplasia, PROMIS showed no floor or ceiling effects both pre and post-operatively
293 (39). When studied in patients who underwent THA for symptomatic hip osteoarthritis, the PROMIS
294 depression domain showed floor effects up to 20% pre-operatively and 30-45% post-operatively (54). In
295 the same study, the PROMIS pain interference domain showed no floor effects pre-operatively, but floor
296 effects of 21-26% at 1 year post-operatively. No ceiling effects were observed in the depression, pain
297 interference or physical function scores pre or post-operatively.

298 **Reliability.** Few studies have assessed the reliability of PROMIS instruments related to treatment of hip
299 pathology. One study examining the psychometric properties of one CAT of the PROMIS (the lower
300 extremity CAT) compared to the modified HHS and the Hip Outcome Score showed excellent reliability
301 with a Cronbach's alpha score of 1.00 (6)

302 **Validity.** To our knowledge, content validity of PROMIS instruments have not been evaluated specifically
303 for hip pathology. Group validity has been assessed previously in patients with a general diagnosis of
304 “osteoarthritis”, but not specifically for hip osteoarthritis (55).

305 **Responsiveness.** Responsiveness of PROMIS instruments for hip pathology has been evaluated in study
306 of patients who underwent THA. The pain interference and physical function domains were found to
307 have high responsiveness post-operatively in patients with hip osteoarthritis after THA (54).

308 **Minimally important differences.** Minimally clinically important difference (MCID) has typically been
309 defined as 5, half of the normalized SD of reported PROMIS scores (SD=10). In a study of patients who
310 underwent THA, 66-78% of patients had a MCID post-operatively in the pain interference domain, 61-
311 75% of patients had a MCID in the physical function domain, and 44-46% of patients had MCID in the
312 depression domain (54).

313 **Generalizability.** PROMIS scores are generalizable to adult populations with hip ailments or undergoing
314 hip procedures. There are separate PROMIS instruments for pediatric patients.

315 **Use in clinical trials.** Compared to other measures of hip function and symptoms, PROMIS instruments
316 have been used relatively less frequently in clinical trials. However, more recent studies have begun to
317 use PROMIS instruments in assessment of outcomes related to surgical intervention for different hip
318 pathologies. Clinical studies on outcomes after THA have used PROMIS scores for assessment of both
319 functional outcomes and pain improvement post-operatively (56,57). PROMIS instruments have been
320 used in clinical trials assessing baseline disability and functional performance in patients with
321 femoracetabular impingement (FAI) (58,59). Lastly, PROMIS scores were used in one clinical trial
322 studying post-operative outcomes of correction of mildly dysplastic hips with periacetabular ostectomy
323 (60).

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325 ***Critical appraisal of overall value to the rheumatology community***

326 **Strengths.** PROMIS instruments have the benefit of adaptability to patient responses to enable the
327 questionnaire be adaptable to individual patients. Additionally, PROMIS instruments are becoming more
328 widely used in all fields of healthcare. Therefore, if used in hip pathology, it has the potential added
329 benefit of easier interpretation by healthcare practitioners or researchers who may not be as familiar
330 with other hip-specific outcome measures.

331 **Caveats and cautions.** There is a relative paucity of literature involving psychometric properties of
332 PROMIS instruments in patients with hip pathology. Further investigation should be performed in this
333 area. Additionally, high floor effects have been reported in a previous THA study as mentioned
334 previously (54).

335 **Clinical usability.** Although PROMIS instruments have not been extensively used in assessment of
336 outcomes in patients with hip pathology, it can be used to follow patients both pre and post-operatively.

337 **Research usability.** Further evaluation of the psychometric properties of PROMIS instruments
338 specifically for hip pathology would be beneficial, however, PROMIS instruments have been used in
339 several clinical trials involving THA, FAI, and hip dysplasia (56–60). Investigators should take note of the
340 previously reported high floor effects in THA populations (54).

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342 **OXFORD HIP SCORE (OHS)**

343 ***Description***

344 **Purpose.** To assess outcome after total hip arthroplasty (THA) by measuring a patient's perceptions after
345 surgery. Originally described in 1996 and was updated in 2007 (61,62).

346 **Content.** OHS assess his pain (6 items) and function (6 items) of the hip in relation to daily activities such
347 as walking, dressing, slipping, etc.

348 **Number of items.** 12 items with 5 categories of response; no subscale's.

349 **Response options/scale.** The original scoring system as described by Dawson et al in 1996 ranged from
350 1-5 (best to worst) with a total score of 12-60 (least difficulties to most difficulties). This scoring system
351 was modified in 2007 by Murray et al to new item ranges of 0-4 (worse to best) with total scores ranging
352 from 0-48 (most difficulties to least difficulties) (62,63).

353 **Recall period for items.** During the past 4 weeks.

354 **Examples of Use.** This patient reported outcome measure has been used and several countries in both
355 clinical and research settings. It has been validated and used in both primary and revision hip
356 replacements (64–75).

357 ***Practical application***

358 **How to obtain.** The Oxford Hip Score questionnaire is free to use and is available online at
359 http://www.orthopaedicscore.com/scorepages/oxford_hip_score.html. Further information the Oxford
360 Hip Score and all the other Oxford Orthopaedic Scores can be found at
361 https://phi.uhce.ox.ac.uk/ox_scores.php.

362 **Method of Administration.** The orthopedic hip score questionnaire can be self-administered or
363 completed over the phone (61,62,76).

364 **Scoring.** As previously stated, each item (12) contains five possible responses. According to the updated
365 scoring system, these five responses are scored from 0-4 (worse to best) resulting in a possible overall
366 score range of 0-48 (most difficulties to least difficulties). The maximum of 2 missing values can be
367 accepted and replaced by mean values. Overall scores should not be calculated if more than 2 items are
368 left unanswered. If a patient marks multiple responses for 1 item, the worst response should be used for
369 calculation of scores (62).

370 **Score Interpretation.** Categories for the OHS based on data from the Harris Hip Score and translated to
371 the 0-48 scoring has suggested cut off scores: >41 as excellent, 34-41 as good, 27-33 as fair, and <27 as
372 poor (77). More recent research has shown that a postoperative OHS of greater than 37.5 is associated
373 with a successful outcome (78–80). Additionally, clinicians have attempted to use the OHS as a method
374 of screening out patients who do will not require total hip replacement. Neufeld et al found that an OHS
375 of 34 or higher was a good predictor of successful nonoperative management of hip arthritis (81). With
376 use of the classification system described by Kalairajah et al, the OHS at 6 months is a useful predictor of
377 early revision THA. A poor score was associated with a revision risk of 7.6% compared to a revision risk
378 of 0.7% in patients with good/excellent scores (67,77). Lastly, normative values were established in 2015
379 and published by Hamilton et al for patients undergoing THA. They were able to establish normative
380 values for male and female patients in 4 age categories (<60, 60-70, 70-80, and >80) preoperatively and
381 12 months after THA (79).

382 **Respondent Burden.** The OHS takes between 2-15 minutes to complete. Based on patient interviews,
383 issues have been raised regarding item clarity and double-barreled questions (82,83).

384 **Administrative Burden.** The burden of administering the OHS is minimal. As the OHS is a patient-
385 reported questionnaire, the time to score is short and involves only elementary arithmetic. No specific
386 training is required to score the OHS.

387 **Translations/Adaptations.** The OHS has been widely used in many countries. It has been translated and
388 validated in Japanese, Dutch, German, Turkish, Spanish, Mandarin, Italian, Danish, and with the use of
389 on-site translator (66,80–89). It has also been translated to French, Iranian, and Korean forms, without
390 the supporting validation studies (84–86). The Orthopaedic Oxford Scores also include similar
391 questionnaires for assessing outcome after knee replacement, shoulder replacement, elbow
392 replacement, ankle replacement, and shoulder instability.

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394 ***Psychometric Information***

395 **Method of Development.** Questions were made based on patient interviews where hip arthritis patients
396 were asked to report their experiences and frustrations. Patients were involved in content validity of the
397 questionnaire (61). The OHS underwent item-response theory testing in 2004 by Fitzpatrick et al, and
398 there was an overall good item fit of the data to the Rasch model (87).

399 **Acceptability.** In a 2000 study, Fitzpatrick et al showed that 90% of patients fill out the questionnaire to
400 completion. In general, older patients and patients with more severe medical problems were less likely
401 to complete the questionnaire completely compared to younger and healthier patients. In their study,
402 the most problems referred to the item regarding distance walked before severe pain (88,89). In one
403 study, up to 10% of English-speaking Americans misinterpreted this item. The authors hypothesize that
404 the use of “Not at all” as an answer choice implies that the patient never has pain, so this confusion may
405 lead to an overall underestimation of their hip function. Like other Hip patient reported outcome
406 measures, the OHS is subject to statistical ceiling effects (approximately 13.5%), however very low levels
407 of statistical floor effects are observed with the OHS (90,91).

408 **Reliability.** Several studies have investigated the internal consistency of the OHS preoperatively and
409 postoperatively. The studies have shown the internal consistency of the OHS to be high (0.84–0.93)
410 preoperatively and at 3, 6, 12, and 24 months postoperatively (61,92,93). Reproducibility, as measured
411 by the coefficient of repeatability or inter-class correlations using the Bland and Altman method, has
412 also been studied extensively and shown to be consistently strong (61,92,94).

413 **Validity.** During the development of the OHS, patients were asked to comment on and to include hip
414 related problems not addressed by the draft questionnaire for content validity (61). High correlations
415 (0.67 – 0.85) have been described when comparing the OHS to other patient reported outcomes of pain
416 and function related to hip pathology (61,70,77,90,95,96).

417 **Ability to Detect Change.** The OHS has favorable responsiveness when compared with generic
418 measures, such as will Short Form 36 and EuroQol 5–domain, and disease-specific measures, including
419 the Western Ontario, McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index, and Arthritis Impact Measurement
420 Scales. Effect size varied from 2.1-3.1 at 6-24 months after THA and was 1.84 after revision THA
421 (61,70,90–93,96,97). In 2007, Murray et al estimated the minimal clinically important difference to be
422 between 3-5 points after joint replacement (62). Further study in 2015 by Beard et al found the minimal
423 detectable change to be 5 points after THA (80).

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425 ***Critical Appraisal of Overall Value to the Rheumatology Community***

426 **Strengths.** The OHS assess his pain and functional outcomes in patients undergoing total hip
427 arthroplasty. It has been shown to provide good psychometric properties and has been reported to be a
428 useful predictor and early revision after total hip arthroplasty.

429 **Caveats and Cautions.** As previously discussed, the OHS has some questions that may be
430 misinterpreted, therefore leading to an underestimation of hip pain and function. Additionally, concerns
431 have been raised regarding the lack of items concerning activities requiring a large angle of hip flexion.
432 Lastly, it has been shown that 10% patients who was first language is not English may misinterpret one
433 of items.

434 **Clinical Usability.** The questionnaire is quick, easy to use, free, and self-administered. Therefore, clinical
435 usability is high. With that said, a single administration will not provide useful information on individual,
436 however with repeated administrations useful information can be gleaned.

437 **Research Usability.** Due to his ease of use and high response rate, the OHS is one of the preferred
438 patient reported outcome measures for large studies on long-term hip replacement outcomes (65).

439

440 **LEQUESNE INDEX OF SEVERITY FOR OSTEOARTHRITIS OF THE HIP (LISOH)**

441 ***Description***

442 **Purpose.** The LISOH was developed in France in the early 1980's to evaluate the severity of hip
443 osteoarthritis in drug trials in an adult French population, the long-term treatment effects for hip

444 osteoarthritis, and as a help in decision making regarding the need for hip replacement (98). It was
445 modified in 1997 and became known to some as the Lequesne Algofunctional Index.

446 **Content.** The LISOH is an index that covers osteoarthritis-specific symptoms and physical function
447 disability. It is composite measure of aggregating symptoms and function, which are not graded
448 separately, where pain is analyzed by 5 items, maximum distance walked by 2 items, and activities of
449 daily living (ADL) by 4 items (98). This instrument is available in several versions: Interview based, self-
450 administered, and in modified versions due to changed scoring and wording (98–101).

451 **Number of Items.** There are 11 items.

452 **Response options/scale.** The score ranges from 0 (no pain or disability) to 24 (maximum pain or
453 disability) and is scored as a sum of all the items (98).

454 **Recall period for Items.** Not specified.

455 **Examples of Use.** The LISOH has been used in both clinical and research settings since its development
456 in the 1980s. Clinically it has been used to assess the severity of hip osteoarthritis and help with
457 indications for total hip arthroplasty (101–103). In the research realm, the LISOH has been used to
458 determine the effectiveness of pharmacologic interventions on hip osteoarthritis and to assess the long-
459 term impact of post-THA rehabilitation (98,104).

460

461 ***Practical application***

462 **How to obtain.** The LISOH is free to use and can be accessed at
463 https://oarsi.org/sites/default/files/docs/2013/lequesne_eng_ndex.pdf.

464 **Method of Administration.** The LISOH can be self-administered, interviewer-based, or completed by a
465 clinician during a clinical assessment.

466 **Scoring.** The original scoring consists of score ranges from 0-8 for each part of the LISOH questionnaire
467 (Pain /discomfort, maximum distance walked, and ADL) resulting in a total score range of 0-24. A
468 modification in 1991 added a question regarding sexual activity to be included when appropriate,
469 resulting in a total score range of 0-28 (98,99).

470 **Score Interpretation.** With the original scoring consisting of a total score range of 0-20 four-point, 0 = no
471 handicap, 1-4 = mild handicap, 5-7 = moderate handicap, 8-10 = severe handicap, 11-13 = very severe

472 handicap, ≥ 14 = extremely severe handicap. A score > 11 -12 points has been suggested to indicate
473 need for total hip arthroplasty (103). The questions are suggested to score disabilities connected with a
474 single hip. There are no indications of how to score in the case of bilateral hip osteoarthritis, which
475 complicates interpretation of the LISOH in those patients (102).

476 **Respondent Burden.** The LISOH questionnaire takes less than 5 minutes to complete (102,105,106).

477 **Administrative Burden.** While scoring of the LISOH questionnaire takes only a few minutes, some
478 training may be required for use of the questionnaire in an interview based environment to achieve
479 interobserver reproducibility (98,105).

480 **Translations/Adaptations.** The LISOH has been translated and validated for hip osteoarthritis in English,
481 French, German, Turkish, Korean, Spanish, Greek, Persian, and Portuguese (101,102,107–115).

482

483 *Psychometric Information*

484 **Method of Development.** Developed in France by hip specialists in the early 1980's through patient
485 interviews in an adult French population.

486 **Acceptability.** Several studies have assessed the LISOH questionnaire using Rasch analysis, and
487 unfavorable results have caused some to question the psychometric properties of the questionnaire.
488 Furthermore, in direct comparison to the Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis
489 Index (WOMAC), the LISOH exhibits worse internal consistency reliability and construct validity in
490 multiple patient populations (107,110,111,116). Other issues raised regarding the LISOH questionnaire
491 include the clarity of the items, with one study determining that 2 out of 10 patients in a French
492 population require additional explanation to fill out the questionnaire, and poor item response rate,
493 with one study noting an item response rate of approximately 71% (102,105).

494 **Reliability.** In general, internal consistency has been found to be satisfactory for the LISOH composite
495 score (Cronbach's alpha 0.83-0.84) (101,102,108). With that said, the internal consistency has been
496 shown to be lower for the pain/discomfort part of the LISOH in comparison to the function part
497 (Cronbach's alpha 0.63 vs 0.84, respectively) (101). Satisfactory test-retest reliability has been shown for
498 the composite score, with interclass correlation coefficient's ranging from 0.51-0.96 (101,107,111). With
499 regards to interrater reliability, the interview-based questionnaire had a mean deviation of 0.55 points
500 when rated by 2 observers (98).

501 **Validity.** The construct validity and convergent validity of the LISOH questionnaire have been shown to
502 be inferior to other patient reported outcome measures (47,101,102,107,111).

503 **Ability to Detect Change.** The MCID of the LISOH remains to be elucidated. When using the LISOH to
504 assess the long-term impact of active drug treatment for hip osteoarthritis, an effect size of 1.3-1.8 was
505 observed (100).

506

507 ***Critical Appraisal of Overall Value to the Rheumatology Community***

508 **Strengths.** The LISOH is quick, free, and easy to access.

509 **Caveats and Cautions.** Problems have been raised regarding the validity of the LISOH and its utility as a
510 single measure of outcomes after THA.

511 **Clinical Usability.** Given its poor validity and reliability relative to other patient reported outcomes, it is
512 not recommended to use the LISOH as the sole outcome measure on an individual patient level.

513 **Research Usability.** Given its ease of use, availability, and relatively high interrater/interobserver
514 reliability, the LISOH questionnaire may have some utility in the study of THA outcomes in large patient
515 populations.

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517 **American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) Hip and Knee Questionnaire**

518 ***Description***

519 **Purpose:** Throughout the 1990s and early 2000s the AAOS created a series of questionnaires designed
520 to measure and analyze musculoskeletal outcomes. These assessments covered all body regions in
521 adults and children. The hip and knee questionnaire was a specific version of the more general lower
522 limb questionnaire and was published in 2004. In combination with the SF-36, the AAOS hip and knee
523 questionnaire was effective at assessing hip and knee conditions and the effects of treatment (117). The
524 survey was previously available through the AAOS website but has now been replaced by the HOOS and
525 KOOS surveys.

526 **Content:** The questionnaire is identical to the AAOS lower limb questionnaire with the attribution of
527 pain to the hip or knee. It asks respondents to answer questions regarding hip or knee stiffness,

528 swelling, and function. Specifically, the functional questions assess the respondent's pain while walking
529 on flat surfaces, going up or down stairs, and while lying in bed at night. The final two questions assess
530 the ability to get around and the level of difficulty with taking on and off socks.

531 **Number of Items:** 7 items. The worse hip is given preference in the case of bilateral symptoms.

532 **Response Options/Scale:** For questions regarding stiffness and swelling, respondents choose from 5
533 possible options on a Likert scale from "not at all" to "extremely". For questions regarding pain during
534 functional activity, there are 7 response options on a Likert scale from "not painful" to "could not do", as
535 well as a "could not do for other reasons" option. There are 7 response options for ability to get around
536 and 6 response options for difficulty with taking on and off socks.

537 **Recall Period for Items:** 1 week

538 **Cost to use:** Free

539 **How to obtain:** Previously available on aaos.org

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541 ***Practical Application***

542 **Method of administration:** Self-administered questionnaire

543 **Scoring:** Standardized and normative scores may be calculated. Unanswered items are not to be
544 included in calculation of mean scores. In addition, if more than half of the items are missing, a score
545 cannot be calculated. This includes items marked "could not do for other reasons", which is considered
546 equal to a missing response. Instructions on how to calculate standardized and normative scores are
547 included in a worksheet with the survey.

548 **Score interpretation:** Standardized scores are calculated from 0-100, 0 being most disability and 100
549 being least disability. Normative scores are calculated to a mean population score of 50, with higher
550 scores indicating higher function (118).

551 **Respondent time to complete:** 2-3 minutes

552 **Administrative burden:** The questionnaire can be scored very quickly with a scoring sheet, and within 15
553 minutes if scored by hand.

554 **Translations/adaptations:** The hip and knee questionnaire is an adaptation of the lower limb
555 questionnaire. There are also sports/knee and foot and ankle adaptations (117).

556

557 ***Psychometric Information:***

558 **Floor and Ceiling Effects:** Not measured (117).

559 **Reliability:** The hip and knee questionnaire has a good internal consistency with Cronbach alpha
560 coefficient of 0.8, calculated from 43 patients with a hip or knee complaint. For test-retest reliability a
561 Pearson's correlation coefficient was calculated on 40 patients and found to be 0.91 (117).

562 **Validity:** All AAOS instruments were developed by clinicians who continually confirmed the face and
563 content validity for each questionnaire. Construct validity was obtained by correlating scores from the
564 hip and knee questionnaire with the AAOS lower limb core scale ($r=0.95$), the unweighted mean of three
565 SF-36 physical subscales ($r=0.7$), and a scale created from a physician assessment of function and pain
566 ($r=0.73$ and $r=0.69$ respectively). In addition, a global score for the WOMAC was calculated and
567 correlated with the AAOS hip and knee questionnaire ($r=0.89$) (117).

568 **Responsiveness:** There is no direct measure of the hip and knee questionnaire's responsiveness, but the
569 lower limb core scale – from which the hip and knee core scale was adapted – has been assessed. An
570 absolute change score, calculated as the difference between the baseline and follow-up scores, was
571 found to be moderately correlated with a transition score ($r=0.53$). This transition score was calculated
572 from the combined responses of the patient and a physician on their perceptions of improvement over 1
573 year. Based on the strong correlation of lower limb questionnaire scores to hip and knee questionnaire
574 scores, it is likely that the hip and knee questionnaire possesses similar ability to detect change.

575 **Minimally important differences:** To our knowledge, no MID for the AAOS hip and knee questionnaire
576 has been calculated.

577 **Generalizability:** The AAOS hip and knee questionnaire is applicable to adult populations over age 18
578 with pain attributable the hip or knee.

579 **Use in clinical trials:** To our knowledge, the AAOS hip and knee questionnaire has not been used in any
580 major clinical trials. It has been used to assess outcomes in patients with slipped capital femoral
581 epiphysis (119), and the AAOS lower limb questionnaire appears in numerous studies covering a broad
582 range of musculoskeletal topics including outcomes limb lengthening and lower extremity amputation
583 (120,121).

584 ***Critical appraisal of overall value to the rheumatology community***

585 **Strengths:** The AAOS Hip and Knee questionnaire proved to be an effective instrument in assessing hip
586 and knee conditions and the effect of appropriate treatments. It is a short survey that is easily
587 administered and scored. A thorough psychometric evaluation was performed in 2004 to demonstrate
588 its reliability and validity, and in conjunction with the SF-36 it can be an overall effective outcomes
589 measure.

590 **Caveats and cautions:** As patient reported outcomes have become an integral part of the overall effort
591 to deliver quality care in the United States, other surveys specific to hip and knee outcomes have been
592 developed and endorsed by the Centers for Medicaid Services (122). The AAOS hip and knee
593 questionnaire is not included in that group of endorsed outcomes measures. This is likely the reason this
594 survey is seen less commonly in the literature, and why there have not been any follow-up studies to the
595 original evaluations of the AAOS questionnaires published in 2004.

596 **Clinical/Research usability:** A useful tool given its size and ease of administration, but not practical given
597 the rising popularity of other surveys as above.

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599 **Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC)**

600 ***Description***

601 **Purpose:** The WOMAC was developed to measure the symptoms and physical disability of patients with
602 hip or knee arthritis (123). It was created as part of a randomized, controlled trial of two anti-
603 inflammatory medications in the treatment of hip and knee arthritis (124). As such, the WOMAC was
604 intended to be able to detect clinically important and relevant changes to treatment (125,126).

605 **Content:** The survey consists of 3 subscales that evaluate pain during certain positions or movements,
606 stiffness at different times of day, and difficulty with performing certain activities.

607 **Number of Items:** 24 total items. There are 5 items in the pain section, 2 items in the stiffness section,
608 and 17 items in the functional section.

609 **Response Options/Scale:** The WOMAC is available in 5-point Likert, 100mm visual analog scale (VAS),
610 and 11-box numerical rating scales (127). The Likert scale offers five response options ranging from none
611 to extreme, with corresponding score values from 0-4. The VAS and numerical rating scales offer
612 responses selected on 100mm or 11-box horizontal scales, ranging from “none” on the left to “extreme”
613 on the right (128).

614 **Recall Period for Items:** 48 hours

615 **Cost to use:** There is a fee to access the questionnaire and user guide. Fee information is available after
616 submitting a request to use.

617 **How to obtain:** Requests to use the WOMAC for clinical or research purposes must be submitted via the
618 contact section on the website www.womac.com.

619 ***Practical Application***

620 **Method of administration:** Primarily designed as a self or interview-administered questionnaire. The
621 WOMAC has been validated for use in person, over the phone, or via computer or mobile phone (129–
622 131). Patients have been shown to respond similarly to paper or online versions (132).

623 **Scoring:** For the Likert scale version, the pain, stiffness, and function sections possess potential
624 summative score totals of 20, 8, and 68 respectively. A global score is calculated by combining the 3 sub-
625 scores (125). For the VAS version, respondents mark a point along the horizontal 100mm line. This is
626 measured in millimeters and totaled out of 2400 (133). Normative values were published from an
627 Australian population in 2010 (134). In the case that 2 or more items are missing from the pain subscale,
628 both items missing from the stiffness subscale, or 4 or more items missing from the functional subscale,
629 responses are declared invalid and not included for analysis.

630 **Score interpretation:** On both the Likert and VAS versions, lower scores equate to less pain and
631 disability.

632 **Respondent time to complete:** 5-10 minutes

633 **Administrative burden:** Questionnaire responses require approximately 5 minutes to score with
634 minimal training required.

635 **Translations/adaptations:** There have been multiple versions of the WOMAC questionnaire, with the
636 most recent being version 3.1, updated in 2016. Short-form versions of the WOMAC have been
637 developed, specific to total hip or total knee replacement, and were found to be equally responsive
638 compared to the original WOMAC (135). The WOMAC has validated language translations in Arabic,
639 Chinese, Dutch, Finnish, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Moroccan, Singapore, Spanish,
640 Swedish, Thai, and Turkish (107,108,136–148).

641 **Psychometric Information:**

642 **Floor and Ceiling Effects:** Floor effects for WOMAC subscales or total scores are generally minimal or 0
643 (149). However, in one 2005 study, floor effects at 6 months and 2 years following total hip arthroplasty
644 were significant in the pain (25% and 39%) and stiffness (30% and 46%) subscales (150). In a study of
645 patients after periacetabular osteotomy, floor effects in the pain and stiffness subscales were <1% and
646 3% respectively. Floor effects were absent in the function subscale and aggregate score (7).

647 Ceiling effects are more commonly reported in all WOMAC subscales, particularly in pain and
648 stiffness (7,95,149). A ceiling effect has been demonstrated in the pain and stiffness subscales when
649 evaluating patients at 10 weeks and 12 months after hip fracture (149). These effects appear to be
650 significantly different between young (18%-36%) and old (38%-53%) age groups (149). In patients after
651 periacetabular osteotomy, the ceiling effect is more substantial than the floor effect, but still small (4%,
652 11%, 5%, 2% for pain, stiffness, function, total scores) (7). Findings in the literature are mixed, as one
653 study demonstrated low ceiling effects of <5% for all WOMAC subscales at 6 months and 2 years after
654 total hip arthroplasty, while another demonstrated significant ceiling effects (14-38%) at 1 year post-
655 operatively (95,150).

656 **Reliability:** The WOMAC has demonstrated excellent internal and test-retest reliability. The Cronbach
657 alpha coefficient for the global score is reported as high as 0.97, with the lowest subscale being the
658 stiffness subscale (alpha= 0.86) (7,128). Test-retest reliability is equally as strong, with Pearson's
659 correlation coefficients reported as high as 0.96 (128). In addition to patients with osteoarthritis,

660 WOMAC scores have demonstrated good internal reliability amongst patients after hip fracture, with
661 Cronbach coefficients ranging from 0.83-0.98 and 0.79-0.97 for young and old age groups respectively
662 (149).

663 **Validity:** Since its creation in the late 1980s, the WOMAC has been extensively validated for patients
664 with hip and knee arthritis (123). Additional validation has occurred for each of the aforementioned
665 translations. More recently, the WOMAC has demonstrated good construct validity when compared to
666 other PROMs. There is strong correlation of total WOMAC and SF-12 scores in patients after hip
667 fracture, ranging from 0.78-0.84 for young and old age groups respectively (149). Similar results have
668 been published correlating WOMAC to EQ-5D subscales (149). In patients after periacetabular
669 osteotomy, Spearman correlation coefficients between WOMAC subscales and the SF-12 physical
670 subscale are moderate to strong ($p > 0.5$) except for the stiffness subscale ($p = 0.38$) (7).

671 **Responsiveness:** For patients with hip osteoarthritis, the standardized response means (SRM) calculated
672 for the WOMAC are high, exceeding 1.0 (151,152). In 162 patients who underwent total hip arthroplasty
673 for osteoarthritis there was a mean WOMAC score change of 29, effect size of 1.84, and SRM of 1.6
674 (153). SRM values at 6 months and 2 years post op have been shown to continue increasing to 1.86 and
675 1.98 respectively (150). In addition, a statistically significant improvement in scores has been shown up
676 to 2 years following total hip replacement (150). In patients who sustain hip fractures, responsiveness is
677 moderate (SRM=0.66) and small (SRM=0.24) amongst patients less than and greater than 80 years old
678 respectively (149). These differences are likely due to the fact that WOMAC scores are lowest just before
679 a hip replacement, and not likely to be obtained prior to a patient sustaining a hip fracture (149).

680 **Minimally important differences:** The minimal clinically important difference (MCID) for patients who
681 underwent total hip arthroplasty for hip arthritis is 10.2 points (153). The MCID for patients who
682 undergo periacetabular osteotomy for hip pain secondary to hip dysplasia is approximately 11 points for
683 the total WOMAC score (7). A prospective cohort study of over 1300 patients identified a minimal
684 clinically important improvement of 7.9 on the WOMAC-function subscale in patients with hip arthritis
685 who initiated non-operative treatment (154). In addition, mean changes of 9-12mm (100mm normalized
686 VAS) on WOMAC scales were perceptible by patients with hip and knee osteoarthritis (155).

687 **Generalizability:** The WOMAC questionnaire has been applied across wide groups of adult populations.
688 To our knowledge, no study has validated the WOMAC in pediatric populations. One active study

689 validating WOMAC scores in a pediatric population with Perthes disease can be found in the recruitment
690 phase on clinicaltrials.gov

691 **Use in clinical trials:** As one of the oldest PROMs validated for assessing the hip, the WOMAC has been
692 used extensively in studies affecting many types of hip pathology and responses to treatment, including
693 osteoarthritis, hip dysplasia, and hip trauma.

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695 ***Critical appraisal of overall value to the rheumatology community***

696 **Strengths:** The WOMAC is a historically significant and widely used PROM that is found commonly in the
697 literature. It has validated short-form versions and has been translated into multiple languages. It also
698 serves as the foundation for other PROMS like the HOOS. The WOMAC subscales may also be valuable in
699 stratifying and more thoroughly evaluating data.

700 **Caveats and cautions:** The WOMAC is proprietary, and as such, is less accessible and less attractive to
701 potential clinicians or researchers. In addition, with 24 items, it is longer than newer, non-proprietary
702 PROMS like the HOOS-JR. The full WOMAC is also not included in the list of PROMS recognized by the
703 Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. However, the HOOS, a derivative of the WOMAC, is
704 included on that list. As is common to all functional assessments, some activities included on the
705 functional subscale may be impossible some patients with severe disease to complete. This may result in
706 missing data.

707 **Clinical/Research usability:** If purchased, the WOMAC is relevant to both clinicians and researchers
708 alike. It is reliable, valid, and responsive to treatment. It's ubiquitous presence in hip and knee outcomes
709 literature makes further use appropriate and guarantees the ability to compare new findings to old data.

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711 **CONCLUSION**

712 We reviewed seven of the most commonly used instruments in assessment of hip outcomes and
713 function. There has been an extensive body of work in terms of evaluation of psychometric properties
714 and use in clinical trials since the last review of these instruments (1). This review should be used a

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1152 **Table 1: Practical applications**

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Measure	Number of items	Content/ Domains	Method of administration	Recall period	Response format	Range of scores	Score interpretation	Availability of normative data	Cross-cultural validation
Harris Hip Score (HHS)	10, 8 in the modified-HHS	Pain, function, absence of deformity and ROM	Clinician-based. Modified-HHS is self-administered	Not described	Numerical scale within each domain	0-100	<70 indicated poor result, 70-80 fair, 80-90 good, 90-100 excellent	No	Used internationally, but no validated versions in other languages
Hip Disability and Osteoarthritis Score (HOOS)	40. HOOS-JR has 6 items, HOOS-PS has 5 items	Pain, other symptoms, function in ADLs, function in sport/rec, QOL	Self	Last week	5 Likert boxes	0-100	0 indicates extreme problems, 100 indicates no problems	No	25 total languages including English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish
Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS)	4-12. Vary depending on exact measure chosen.	Physical health, mental health, social health	Self	7-day. Some questions present-tense	0-10 for pain. Five options for other domains	T-score metric with 50 as mean of population	50 is mean of population, 10 is one SD of population. 60 indicates one SD above mean	Yes	45 total languages including English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish

Oxford Hip Score (OHS)	12	Pain, function	Self or over the phone	Last 4 weeks	0-4 (worst to best)	0-48	0 indicates severe problems, 48 indicates no problems	No	English, Japanese, Dutch, German, Turkish, Spanish, Mandarin, Italian. Used, but not validated in French, Iranian, and Korean
Lequesne Index of Severity for Osteoarthritis of the Hip (LISOH)	11	Osteoarthritis-related symptoms, function	Self-administered, interviewer-based, or clinician-administered	Not specified	0-8 (best to worst)	0-28	0 indicates no handicap, >11-13 indicates severe handicap	No	English, French, German, Turkish, Korean, Spanish, Greek, Persian, Portuguese
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) Hip and Knee questionnaire	7	Pain, stiffness, swelling, function	Self	Last week	Likert scale for all domains with slight differences in options	0-100	0 indicates most disability, 100 indicates no disability	Yes	English, Spanish
Western Ontario McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC)	24	Pain, stiffness, difficulty with certain activities	Self or interview-administered	Last 48 hours	Likert scale, Visual analog scale (VAS), and 11-box numerical rating scales	Pain: 0-20, Stiffness: 0-8, Function: 0-68. VAS totaled to 2400	Lower scores indicate less pain and disability	Yes	English, Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, Finnish, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Moroccan, Singapore, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, Turkish

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1157 **Table 2: Psychometrics**

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Measure	Floor, ceiling effects	Reliability	Validity	Responsiveness	Minimally important differences	Generalizability	Used in RCTs
Harris Hip Score (HHS)	Ceiling effects ~20%. Floor effects not reported	Internal consistency: Cronbach's alpha score 0.94. Test-retest reliability: r=0.93-0.98	Content and construct validity correlates with similar domains of other scores	Responsive to pain, function at six-month follow-up, weakly responsive at 2-year follow-up. mHHS adequately responsive after PAO	Standardized response mean (SRM) 0.75	Widely generalizable to adult patients with hip disabilities or undergoing hip surgeries	Yes
Hip Disability and Osteoarthritis Score (HOOS)	Floor effects 4.1-17.8%. Ceiling effects up to 19%	Internal consistency: Cronbach's alpha 0.82-0.98. Test-retest 0.75-0.97	Content validity performed by asking patients rating item importance. Construct validity confirmed by correlation with other scores	Good responsiveness in short term and long-term follow-up up to 2-years post-operatively	9.0-9.6 in ADL domain, 16.2-19.0 in QOL domain	Widely generalizable to adult patients with hip disabilities or undergoing hip procedures. HOOS-JR developed for THA patients	Yes
Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System	Not observed in PAO patients. Floor effects in THA patients 20-45% in depression	Internal consistency: Cronbach's alpha 1.00	Not evaluated	High responsiveness post-operatively in THA patients	5 (half of normalized SD of reported scores)	Generalizable to adult patients with hip ailments or undergoing hip procedures. Separate	Overall less frequently used in RCTs, but some recent use

(PROMIS)	domain, 21-26% in pain domain. No ceiling effects in THA patients					PROMIS instruments available for pediatric patients	
Oxford Hip Score (OHS)	Ceiling effects 13.5%, low floor effects	Internal consistency: Cronbach's alpha: 0.84-0.93	High correlation with content validity when compared to other PROMs	High responsiveness compared to generic measures	Estimated to be 3-5 points (0-48 point scale)	Widely generalizable to adult patients with hip disabilities or undergoing hip surgeries	Yes
Lequesne Index of Severity for Osteoarthritis of the Hip (LISOH)	Not reported	Internal consistency: Cronbach's alpha 0.83-0.94 for composite score, pain/discomfort lower at 0.63. Test-test 0.51-0.96	Construct and convergent validity inferior to other PROMs	Not reported	Unknown	Not recommended as sole outcome measure clinically given poor validity and reliability. May have some utility in larger patient populations	Yes
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) Hip and Knee questionnaire	Not measured	Internal consistency: Cronbach's alpha: 0.8. Test-test 0.91	Construct validity with moderate to high correlation to other PROMs	Not directly measured	Unknown	Widely generalizable to adult patients with hip disabilities or undergoing hip surgeries	Little use in major clinical trials
Western Ontario McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC)	Floor effects generally thought of as minimal, but one report of significant floor effects in pain and stiffness after THA (25-46%). Ceiling	Internal consistency: Cronbach's alpha 0.86-0.97. Test-test 0.96	Good construct validity compared to other PROMs	High SRM (>1.0)	MCID after THA 10.2, after PAO 11, 7.9 in non-op management of hip OA (Scale of 0-68)	Widely generalizable to adult patients with hip disabilities or undergoing hip surgeries. Currently being assessed for validity in pediatric	Yes

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