

Quality of Prenatal Care Questionnaire

A new instrument, the Quality of Prenatal Care Questionnaire (QPCQ), is now available for use in research and quality monitoring projects. The QPCQ is a 46-item self-report questionnaire, designed to be completed by women after 36 weeks of pregnancy or within the first 6 weeks postpartum. Development and testing of the QPCQ was funded by a 4-year operating grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and was guided by a multidisciplinary team of researchers and collaborators, led by Dr. Wendy Sword, School of Nursing, McMaster University, and Dr. Maureen Heaman, College of Nursing, University of Manitoba, as Co-Principal Investigators.

The following open-access manuscript describes the development and testing of the QPCQ:

Heaman, M.I., Sword, W.A., Akhtar-Danesh, N., Bradford, A., Tough, S., Janssen, P., Young, D., Kingston, D., Hutton, E., & Helewa, M. (2014). Quality of Prenatal Care Questionnaire: Instrument development and testing. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*, 14:188. doi: 10.1186/1471-2393-14-188.

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The following open-access manuscript describes the qualitative study that informed item generation for the QPCQ:

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A French version of the QPCQ will be forthcoming soon.