

For example, if a patient is two standard deviations below the mean on a particular scale, should a referral for counselling be made? Possibly Dr. Trimble's comment that QOL is a "well established area of research interest" explains everything.

Anyone will soon realize after reading this book, that QOL is simply not administering a questionnaire to find out how their patient is doing. The topics covered in the book will help the reader answer such questions as "What does QOL mean?", "Why would you want to assess QOL?", "What factors should you consider when choosing a QOL instrument?", "What is the utility of QOL results?" and "How might QOL measures be misused?" In the Epilogue there was recognition that QOL seems to be a growth industry with the ongoing emergence of new QOL measures.

However, there is a paucity of validity and reliability studies on many of these measures and as Dodson and Trimble so aptly put it, are we "reinventing the wheel?" each time a new instrument /technique is developed. Anyone embarking on investigations into QOL whether in the area of epilepsy or other medical conditions, should read this book because of its discussion of specific issues, the review of conceptual issues as well as statistical, psychometric topics. This book is recommended for any clinician or investigator who wants a concise review of the current state of the art of quality of life in epilepsy.

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Calendar of Events

June 20 - 24, 1995. 30th Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences will be held in Victoria, B.C., Canada. Contact: Secretariat Office, CCNS, 810, 906 - 12th Ave., SW, Calgary, AB Canada T2R 1K7 Telephone: (403)229-9544; Fax: (403)229-1661.

June 23 - 25, 1995. Thirty Seventh Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Headache will be held in Boston, Massachusetts. Contact: Telephone: (609)845-1720; Fax: (609)384-5811.

July 8, 1995. Workshop on Research Issues in Aluminum Toxicity will be held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Contact: University of Kentucky, Continuing Pharmacy Education, 465 E. High Street, Suite 204, Lexington KY USA 40507. Telephone: (606)257-7719; Fax: (606)323-2437.

July 22 - 27, 1995. 3rd International Neurotrauma Symposium will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Contact: Congress Secretariat c/o: Congress Canada, 191 Niagara Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5V 1C9. Telephone: (416)860-1772. Fax: (416)369-5298.

September 3 - 8, 1995. 21st International Epilepsy Congress will be held in Sydney, Australia. Contact: Congress Secretariat, PO Box 1231, North Sydney, NSW 2059 Australia. Telephone: 61 2 956 8333; Fax: 61 2 956 5154.

September 16 - 20, 1995. 7th International Headache Congress will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Deadline for abstract submission is March 31, 1995. Contact: IHC Secretariat, 875 Kings Highway, Suite 200, Woodbury, NJ USA 08096-3172. Telephone: (609)845-1720; Fax: (609)853-0411.

October 7 - 13, 1995. IX Pan-American Congress of Neurology will be in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Contact: IX Pan-American Congress of Neurology, 6a Avenue, 7 - 55, Zona 10, Clinicas Herrera Llerandi Norte, 01010 Ciudad Guatemala, Guatemala, C.A. Telephone: (502)-2-347175, (502)-2-340261; Fax: (502)-2-340261.

October 10 - 12, 1995. 6th International Congress of International Society for Brain Electromagnetic Topography will be held in Tokushima, Japan. Contact: ISBET 95, Department of Neurological Surgery, The University of Tokushima, 3-18-5 Kuramoto, Tokushima, 770 Japan. Telephone: +81-886-31-3111 Ext. 3246; Fax: +81-886-32-9664.

October 13 - 15, 1995. Headache Now will be held in Bermuda. Contact: Telephone: (609)845-1720; Fax: (609)384-5811.

October 15 - 19, 1995. The X International Congress of EMG and Clinical Neurophysiology will be held in Kyoto, Japan. Contact: Ryuji Kaji, Director, Mari Yamane, Makiko Fukuda, X-ICEMGCN, Department of Neurology, Kyoto University Hospital, Sakyo-ku Kyoto, 606-01 Japan. Telephone: 81-75-751-3770; Fax: 81-75-761-9780.

October 22, 1995. XVIIth International Symposium of the Fulton Society on "The Injured Neonatal Brain" along with the 119th Annual Meeting of the American Neurological Association will be held in Washington, DC. Contact: Prof. Dr. Victor Soriano, Calle Buenos Aires 363, Montevideo 11000, Uruguay. Fax: 598 2 970055.

October 22 - 25, 1995. The American Neurological Association Meeting will be held in Washington, DC. Contact: American Academy of Neurology, 2221 University Avenue SE, Suite 335, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA 55414. Telephone: (612)623-8115; Fax: (612)623-3504.

November 12 - 18, 1995. Advances in Neurosurgery: Trauma and Tumour Seminar will be held in Glasgow, Scotland. Contact: International Seminars Department, The British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN, UK. Telephone: +44 (0)171 389 4264/4252/4266; Fax: +44 (0)171 389 4154; Telex: 8952201 BRCON G; E mail 81: BCOO22 (BT Gold/Dialcom).