

How to choose an instrument the OMERACT way



understand what you are trying to measure
review domain definition and context of measurement

find the candidate instruments
then for each instrument...

domain match?
ask a lot of people; is this instrument capturing the chosen domain well?



narrow the field
set aside any red-flagged instruments. short list the instruments.

is it feasible to use?
is it practical to use this instrument? think about burden, time, cost, equipment.



gather the evidence
find, appraise and synthesize the measurement property evidence. look for consistent findings of good performance from good quality studies.

identify the winners:
those that have passed the Filter 2.1. discuss work with Technical Advisory Group



get the
OMERACT OK

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INSTRUMENT OMERACT PROVISIONAL ENDORSEMENT



The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of OMERACT agrees that the body of evidence gathered by the Hand Osteoarthritis working group supports that:

AUSTRALIAN/CANADIAN HAND OSTEOARTHRITIS INDEX (AUSCAN)

is provisionally endorsed as having passed the OMERACT Filter (2.1) as a measure of Physical Functioning in hand osteoarthritis

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