



Developing Instruments for Use in Research and in Clinical Practice that:

- Reduce response burden.
- Improve measurement precision.
- Provide the ability to compare or combine results from multiple studies.
- Use computer-based administration, scoring, and reporting.

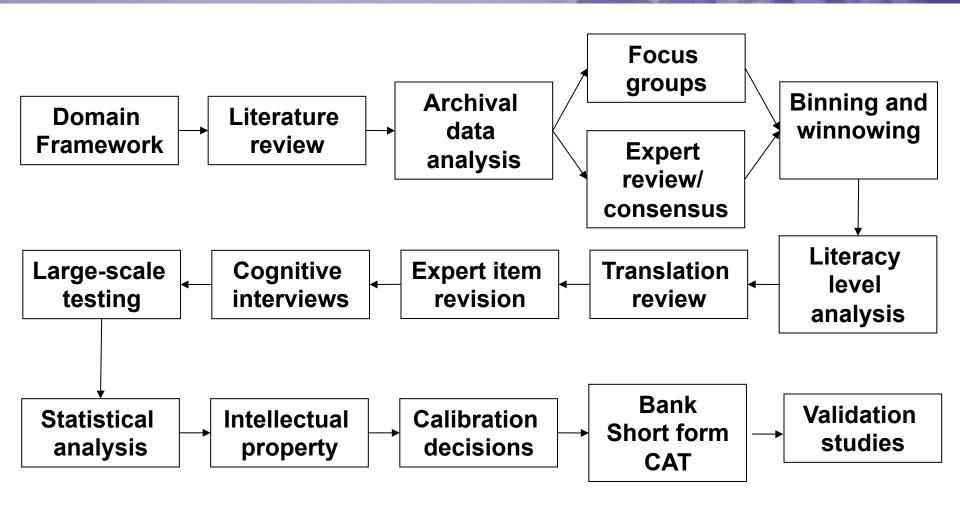


"Item Bank"

- A large collection of items measuring one thing in common
- Items in the same bank are linked on a common metric
- Basis for Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT) and short forms tailored to the target population



The Life Story of a PROMIS Item



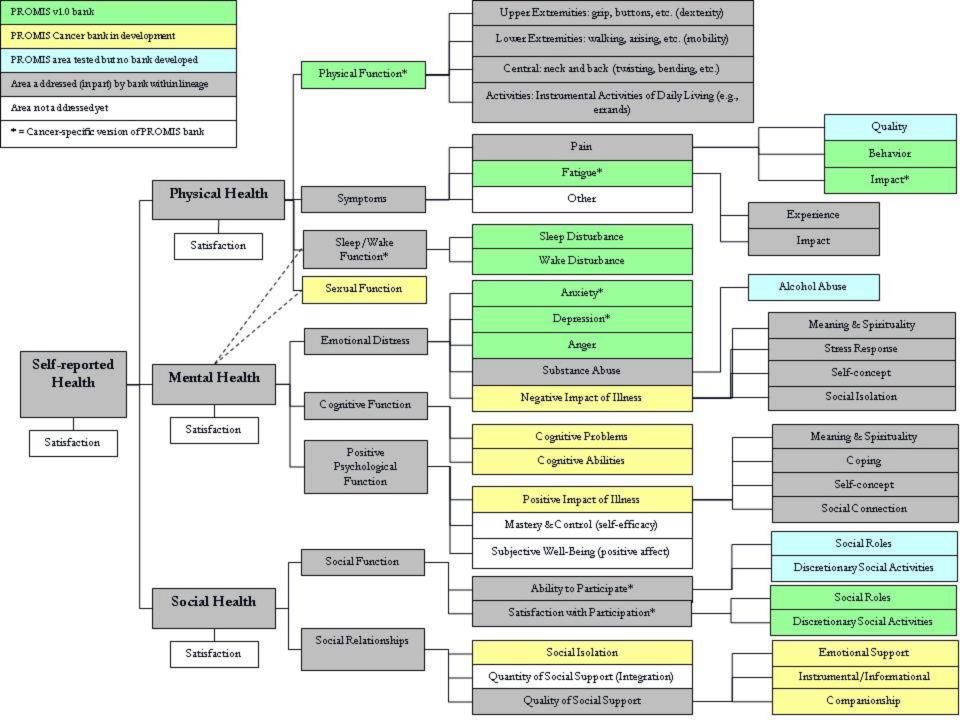
PROMIS Wave 1 Banks (454 items)

- Physical Function [124]
- Fatigue [95]
- Emotional Distress [86]
 - Depression (28)
 - Anxiety (29)
 - Anger (29)
- Pain [80]
 - Behavior (39)
 - Impact (41)
- Sleep Disturbance (27)
- Wake Disturbance (16)
- Satisfaction with Participation in Discretionary Social Activities (12)
- Satisfaction with Participation in Social Roles (14)



2010 PROMIS Banks

Domains	Items in Bank	Items in Short Form
Emotional Distress – Anger	29	8
Emotional Distress – Anxiety	29	7
Emotional Distress – Depression	28	8
Fatigue	95	7
Pain – Behavior	39	7
Pain – Interference	41	6
Physical Function	124	10
Satisfaction with Discretionary Social Activities	12	7
Satisfaction with Social Roles	14	7
Sleep Disturbance	27	8
Sleep-Related Impairment	16	8
Global Health		10





Additional Domain Development

- Supplementary projects
 - Modified item banks for patients using wheelchairs and assistive devices
 - Parent-proxy item banks that parallel the pediatric item banks
- Collaborations with other federally-funded initiatives
 - DBDR/NHLBI AscQ-me project (sickle cell)
 - NINDS NeuroQOL (neurological conditions)
 - NIH Toolbox (Sensory, Motor, Cognitive, Emotional)
- Cancer PROMIS Supplement (CaPS)



"Validation" of PROMIS Banks

- Assessment of construct validity (including sensitivity to change) is in progress in various PROMIS projects
 - COPD
 - Depression
 - Back Pain
 - Heart Failure
 - Arthritis
- Mode of administration
- Minimally important differences



Applications of PROMIS

- Adoption by Clinical Trial Groups
 - Gynecological Oncology Group approved Phase III study comparing outcomes from surgical intervention in cervical cancer
- PROMIS Global Health Scale to be included on core 2010 NHIS (possible for 2015, 2020)
- HealthyPeople 2020 QOL Goals
- Contracts and Grants: Integrating PROMIS measures into cancer care settings (including integration with EMRs)
- DSM-V

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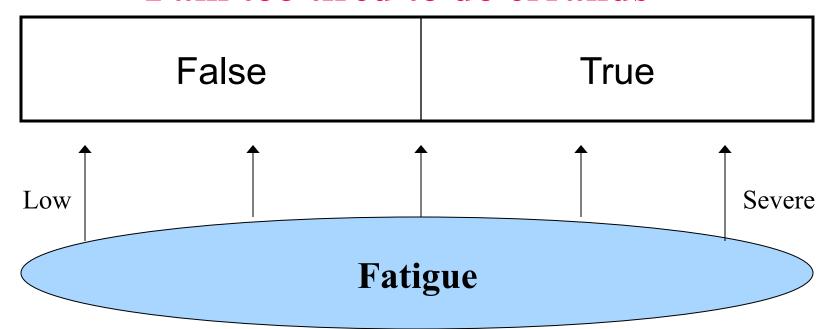
"As part of a roadmap for clinical research, the NIH began an effort to produce a Patient-Reported Outcome Measurement Information System™ (PROMIS) that "aims to revolutionize the way patient-reported outcome tools are selected and employed PROMIS™ aims to develop ways to measure patient-reported symptoms across a wide variety of chronic diseases and conditions." www.nihpromis.org PROMIS™ has developed assessments for a number of clinical domains that have been identified by the DSM-5 Task Force as areas on which quantitative ratings would be useful for this cross-cutting assessment. One advantage for using the scales developed by the PROMIS™ initiative is that they are short. Further, the initiative has developed computerized adaptive testing methods that can be used to establish a patient's rating by comparison to national norms with as few questions as possible. For the DSM-5 field trials, a simpler approach, using the paper and pencil fixed-item "short forms" for each PROMIS™ domain, will be available although a computer assisted version may also be used. The short forms focus on a single domain, such as depressed mood, and use a set of questions identified using item response theory to place an individual's response along a unidimensional continuum based on population norms. Relevant short forms that could be included in DSM-5 include the scales for depressed mood, anxiety, anger, sleep problems, and perhaps fatigue and pain impact."



IRT Modeling is Latent Trait Modeling

A latent trait is an *unobservable* latent dimension that gives rise to observed item responses.

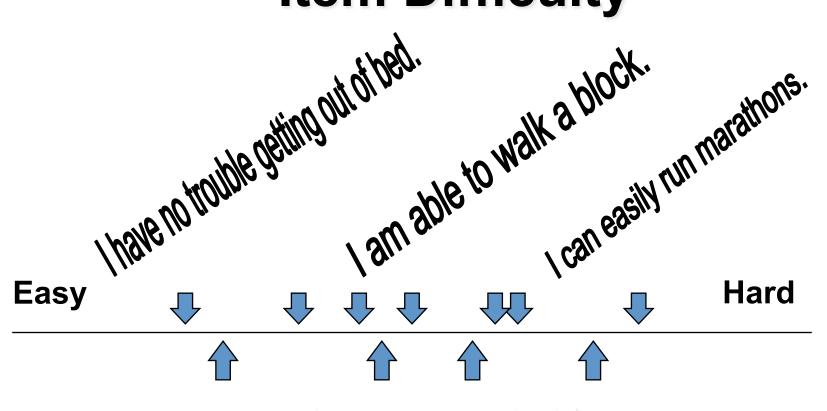
I am too tired to do errands





Respondents and items are represented on the same scale

Item Difficulty



Person QOL



One-Parameter Model

- Most parsimonious model
- Only item parameter estimated is "difficulty"



Two-Parameter Model

- Item "difficulty" and "discrimination" parameters
- PROMIS used graded response model
 - Extension of dichotomous model to multiple response categories



One- Parameter Logistic Model

$$P_{1,0} = \frac{e^{(ability - difficulty)}}{1 + e^{(ability - difficulty)}}$$

When the difficulty of a given item exactly matches the respondent's level on the construct, then the person has 50% chance of answering high versus low:

$$P_{1,0} = \frac{e^{(0)}}{1 + e^{(0)}} = \frac{1}{2} = .50$$

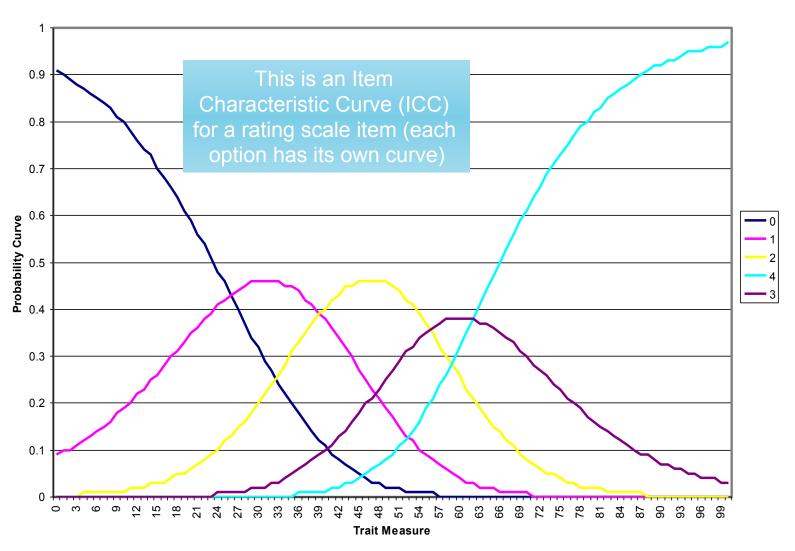


Two-Parameter Logistic Model

$$P_{1,0} = \frac{e^{a \text{ (ability - b)}}}{1 + e^{a \text{ (ability - b)}}}$$

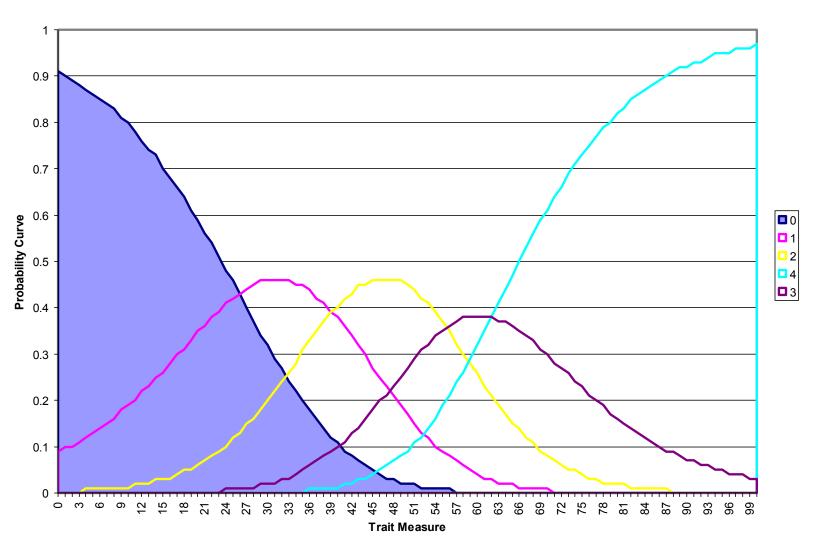
Two parameters
a=Discrimination
b=Item Difficulty





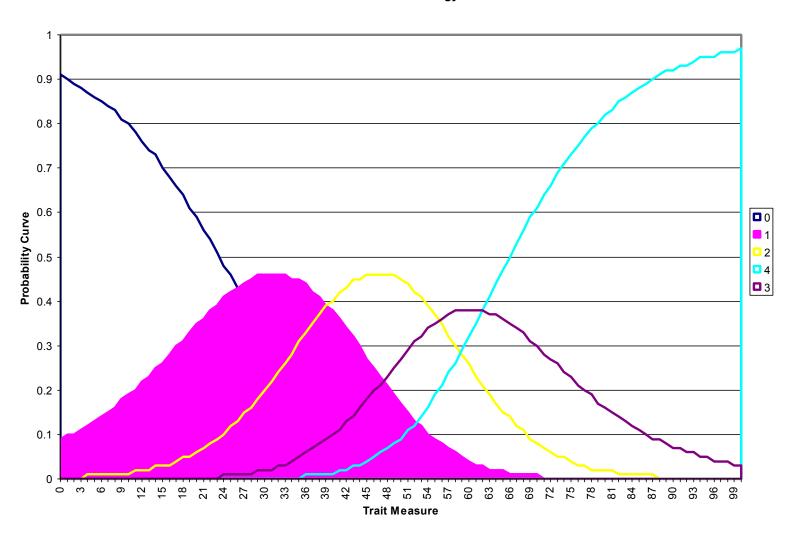
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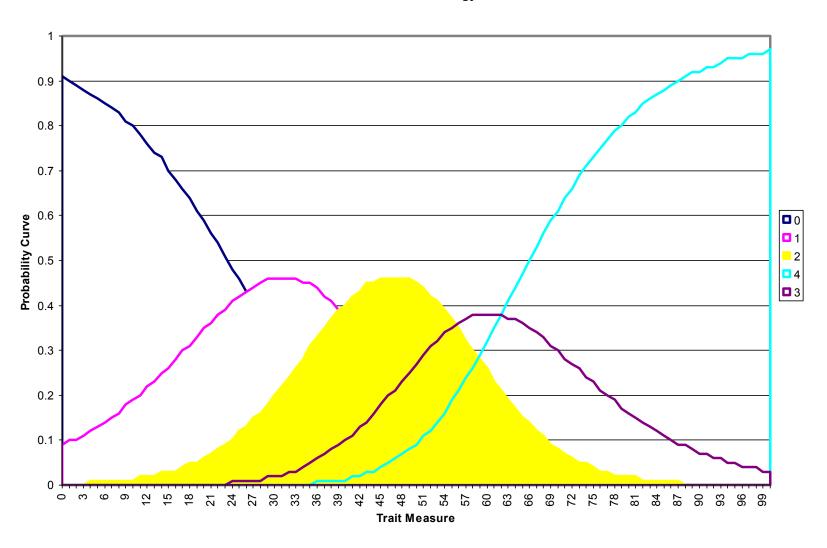
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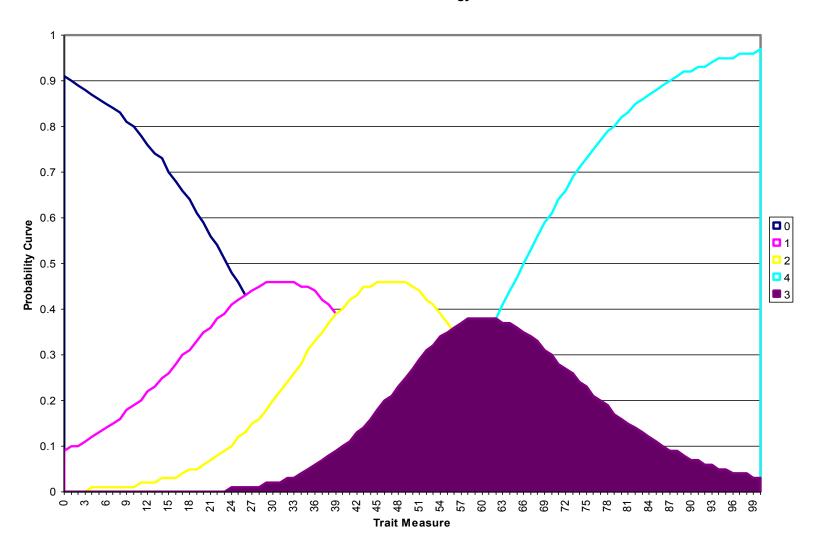
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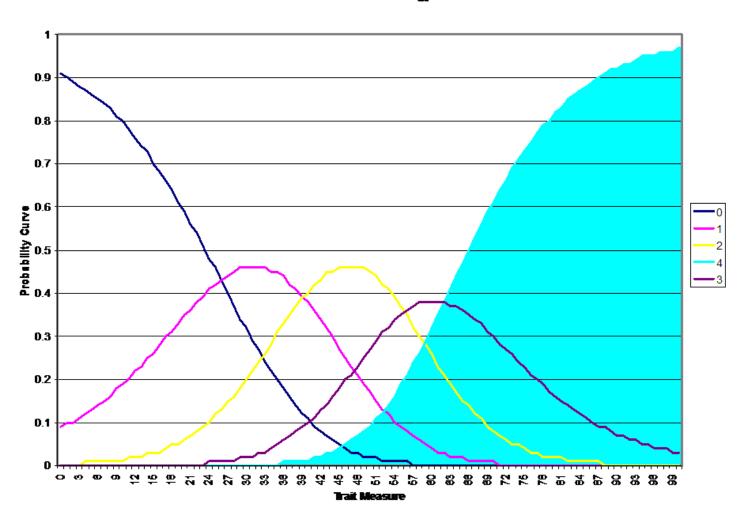
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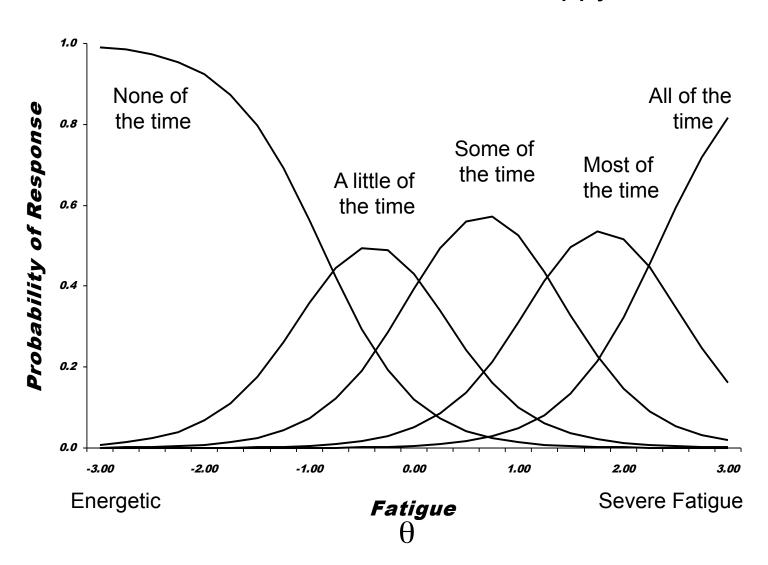




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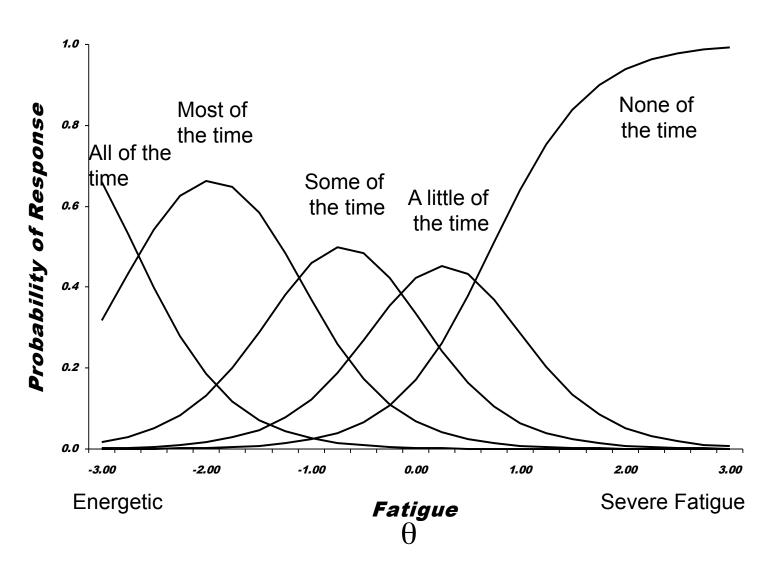


I have been too tired to feel happy.





I have felt energetic.





Calibration Sample: n = 21,133

- Age: 18-100 (mean = 53)
- 52% Female
- 9% Latino/Hispanic, 9% black, 2% other
- 3% < high school, 16% high school only
- 59% Married
- 39% Working full-time



Dimensionality

- Item-scale correlations for 10 global items
 - Ranged from 0.53 to 0.80
- Internal consistency reliability = 0.92
- Confirmatory factor analysis (categorical) for one-factor model
 - CFI = 0.927
 - RMSEA = 0.249 (note: < .06 desirable)
- PCA eigenvalues: **6.25**, **1.20**, 0.75, ...



Two-Factor CFA Loadings

Item	Physical	Mental
3. Rate physical health	0.89+	
6. Carry out phys acti	0.81+	
7. Rate pain	0.64+	
8. Rate fatigue	0.58+	0.18
2. Rate quality of life	0.50	0.46+
4. Rate mental health		0.87+
5. Rate sat with social		0.88+
10. Emot. Problems		0.66+
1. Rate general health	0.88	
9. Usual social act	0.50	0.44



Physical Health 1-factor CFA

- Five items
 - RMSEA = 0.220
- r = 0.29 between two items:
 - In general, how would you rate your health (1)
 - In general, how would you rate your physical health? (3)
 - RMSEA = 0.081
- Dropped general health item (1)



4-item Global Physical Health Scale

- In general, how would you rate your physical health? (3)
- To what extent are you able to carry out your everyday physical activities ...? (6)
- How would you rate your pain on average? (7)
- How would you rate your fatigue on average? (8)



Physical Health Item Parameters

Item	A	B1	B2	В3	B4
Global03	2.31	-2.11	-0.89	0.29	1.54
Global06	2.99	-2.80	-1.78	-1.04	-0.40
Global07	1.74	-3.87	-1.81	-0.67	1.00
Global08	1.90	-3.24	-1.88	-0.36	1.17

- 3. In general, how would you rate your physical health?
- 6. To what extent are you able to carry out your everyday physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, carrying groceries or moving a chair?
- 7. How would you rate your pain on average?
- 8. How would you rate your fatigue on average?
- 3: Poor; Fair: Good; Very Good: Excellent
- 6: Not at all,; A Little; Moderately; Mostly; Completely
- 7: Worse pain imaginable (10) **No pain** (0)
- 8: Very Severe; Severe; Moderate; Mild; None



Mental Health 1-factor CFA

- Four items
 - RMSEA = 0.196
- r = 0.16 between two items:
 - In general, how would you rate your mental health? (4)
 - How often have you been bothered by emotional problems? (10)
 - RMSEA = 0.084



4-item Global Mental Health Scale

- In general, would you say your quality of life is ...? (2)
- In general, how would you rate your mental health ...? (4)
- In general, how would you rate your satisfaction with social activities and relationships? (5)
- How often have you been bothered by emotional problems ...? (10)



Mental Health Item Parameters

Item	A	B1	B2	В3	B4
Global02	2.41	-2.45	-1.32	-0.29	1.07
Global04	3.67	-2.31	-1.26	-0.33	0.67
Global05	2.98	-1.78	-0.90	-0.01	1.07
Global10	1.89	-2.82	-1.51	-0.25	0.99

- 2. In general, would you say your quality of life is ...?
- 4.In general, how would you rate your mental health, including your mood and your ability to think?
- 5. In general, how would you rate your satisfaction with social activities and relationships?
- 10. How often have you been bothered by emotional problems such as feeling anxious, depressed or irritable?
- 2, 4, 5: Poor; Fair: Good; Very Good: **Excellent**
- 10: Always; Often; Sometimes, Rarely; Never



Physical and Mental Health: r = 0.63

- Physical ($\alpha = 0.81$)
 - >r = -0.75 (pain impact), -0.73 (fatigue), 0.71 (physical functioning), -0.67 (pain behavior)

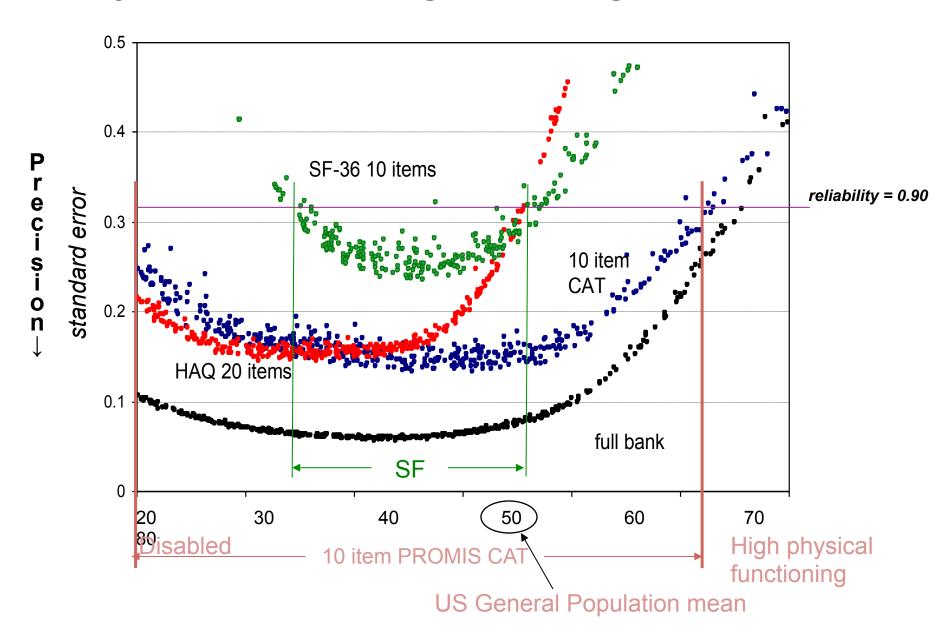
- Mental ($\alpha = 0.86$)
 - >r = -0.71 (depressive symp.), 0.65 (anxiety), 0.60 (satisfaction with discretionary social activities)

Reliability and SEM

- For z-scores (mean = 0 and SD = 1):
 - Reliability = $1 SEM^2 = 0.90$
 - IF SEM = 0.32

- With 0.90 reliability
 - 95% Confidence Interval
 - z-score: $-0.62 \rightarrow 0.62$
 - T-score: 44 → 56

Physical Functioning CAT – Higher Precision





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2010 PROMIS Pediatric Banks

Domains	Items in Bank	Items in Short Form
Emotional Distress – Anger	n/a	6
Emotional Distress – Anxiety	15	8
Emotional Distress – Depression	14	8
Fatigue	23	10
Pain – Interference	13	8
Peer Relationships	15	8
Physical Function – Mobility	23	8
Physical Function – Upper Extremity	29	8
Asthma Impairment	17	8

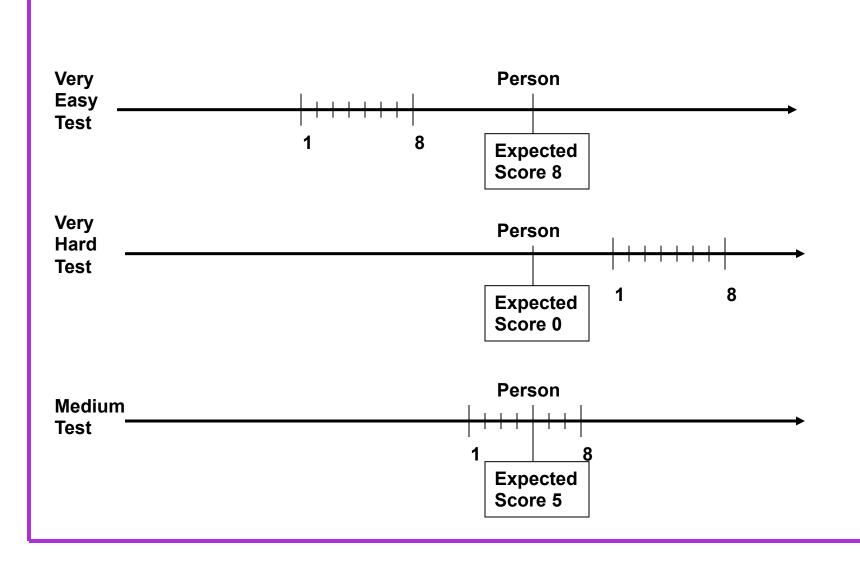


Advantages of Using IRT

- Equal Interval Measure
- Respondents and items are represented on the same scale
- Item calibrations are independent of the respondents used for calibration
- Ability estimates are independent of the particular set of items used for estimation
- Measurement precision is estimated for each person and each item

How Scores Depend on the Difficulty of Items

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Three Parameter Logistic Model

$$P_{1,0} = c + (1-c) \frac{e^{a \text{ (ability - b)}}}{1 + e^{a \text{ (ability - b)}}}$$

Three parameters

a= Discrimination

b= Item Difficulty

c= Guessing