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Greek version of MVQOLI - 15: Translation and cultural adaptation

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Abstract

Background: The Missoula-Vitas Quality-of-Life Index (MVQOLI) is a unique tool specifically designed to measure quality of life (QOL) in advanced illness in a palliative care setting.

Objective: The objective of this study was to translate and make the cultural adaptation of the Greek version of the MVQOLI-15R.

Methodology: The study counted with a sample of 10 patients undergoing in - centre haemodialysis. The process involved the following steps of translation back translation and semantic evaluation.

Results: The former revealed good acceptance of the translated version of the instrument, which participants considered having items of easy understanding.

Conclusions: After completing the process of validation in the country, the instrument will become available to Greek researchers to measure health-related quality of life, as well as to compare results from Greece to that of other cultures in which the instrument has already been validated.

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