

SCAR-Q



Every year millions of individuals acquire scars — whether from surgical incisions, traumatic events or burns.

Therapeutic Areas

Scar Treatment

Applications

- Academic studies
- Evaluation use
- Clinical trials

Advantages

- Available to translate
- Available in electronic or hardcopy

Abstract

The SCAR-Q is a rigorously developed patientreported outcome instrument that can be used to collect and compare evidence-based outcomes data from children and adults aged 8 years and older with a surgical, traumatic or burn scars. Limitations in existing scar-specific measurements led Dr. Anne Klassen and Dr. Andrea Pusic to develop the SCAR-Q.

Through qualitative analysis and cognitive interviews, three key domain areas were identified and scales were developed based on: 1) scar appearance (e.g. size, colour, contour), 2) scar symptoms (e.g. painful, tight, itchy), and 3) psychosocial impact (feeling self-conscious, bothered by scar).

The SCAR-Q can be used in clinical practice and clinical trials to test and evaluate different scar therapies.

To meet increasing demand for electronic versions of questionnaires, the SCAR-Q is available in electronic format as well as in hardcopy. MILO is working closely with translation companies to review electronic conversions of all questionnaires in its library. MILO is also continuing to increase the portfolio of validated translations for questionnaires.

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