

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
2nd EuroQol Asia Academy Meeting 2021
Virtual Meeting
29-30 June 2021



Dear colleagues,
Hope you are doing well at this special time!

The use and research of EQ-5D questionnaires (i.e., EQ-5D-3L, EQ-5D-5L, and EQ-5D-Y) in Asian region are increasing. There are 40, 36, and 14 official language versions of the EQ-5D-3L, EQ-5D-5L, and EQ-5D-Y self-complete version on paper respectively from countries in this region. Moreover, 7 countries published their EQ-5D-3L value set and 5 countries for the 5L version value set, while 6 others will follow. International publications that utilized the EQ-5D as their tool increase rapidly, from only 1 publication in 2001 to about 100 in 2015. The EQ-5D has been utilized in clinical, population and economic evaluation studies. Moreover, fundamental and methodological research in preference study and quality of life study has increased tremendously in this region. It could be expected that that EQ-5D will play an important role in many health systems in Asia.

The 1st EuroQol Asia Academy Meeting was successfully held in Guangzhou, China on 11-12 June 2019, bringing 38 researchers from Asian countries and 5 senior EuroQol members together for sharing, learning, discussing, and collaborating their research and expertise. We would like to continue this opportunity for the second time in 2021 by bringing more EQ-5D researchers from Asian countries together to share their works while in the same time opportunity for networking and collaborating among participants. We also welcome researchers who are not from Asian countries, but the work offered is or will be useful in Asian countries. The 2nd EuroQol Asia Academy Meeting will be held on 29-30 June 2021 as a virtual meeting.

We kindly invite you to submit an abstract electronically in the Abstract Submission Portal: <https://euroqol-abstracts.awardsplatform.com/> by **14 March 2021**. Please note, the abstract should not exceed 500 words. If you have problems with submission or questions regarding the meeting, please email the EuroQol Asian Academy Meeting organizer team at **euroqolasia2021@gmail.com**

Provided below you will find important information on:

1. The organization of the scientific program
2. Key topics of strategic interest to the EuroQol Group
3. Timelines
5. EuroQol working groups agenda

Your participation and support are very welcome. We look forward to receiving your abstracts.

Regards,

Fredrick Purba and Zhihao Yang
EuroQol Asia Plenary Meeting 2021 Chairs

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The meeting

The meeting will be started with keynote presentations about recent developments in the EuroQol Group, trends in the global research of the EQ-5D and trends in the research of EQ-5D in Asia Pacific region. These keynote presentations will then be followed by scientific discussions on the submitted papers and posters. In the paper discussions, each paper will be discussed by a discussant. As all (draft) papers are available at forehand, the discussant can concentrate on the strong and weak points of the paper. The author of the paper is then asked for a quick response, after which the participants can add any additional point of critique, or better suggestions to address the critique or suggestions for any other improvement. Each paper will be discussed for 20 minutes, including the introduction of the discussant. In the guided poster session, a discussant will lead participants through each poster in turn, and the poster author will be available for questions and clarifications. Each poster will be discussed for approximately 10 minutes. This format where there is a key role for the discussant and draft paper are brought to the conference, has been a great success in the EuroQol Group and elsewhere, including in the first Asian Academy Meeting. Given the highly interactive format, the final meeting agenda will depend on the number and quality of the submitted abstracts.

Key topics of strategic interest to the EuroQol Group

The EuroQol Group's Executive Committee has established several Working Groups, each charged with specific objectives relating to the scientific agenda of the EuroQol Group. A summary of each Working Group's activities and research priorities is attached to Abstract Form. Those intending to submit abstracts are encouraged to consult these summaries as they indicate the topics and issues of greatest interest to the EuroQol Group and inform you about planned or ongoing activities that may be relevant to the work you intend to present.

Papers that report only on clinical or economic applications of the EQ-5D in specific sub-populations or disease areas, e.g., economic evaluations, are usually not accepted unless they contain methodological innovations that have wider relevance to the Group. These could include, for example, broader perspectives in using EQ-5D products in clinical settings and for decision-making in health care, and the conceptual basis for generic-based health-related quality of life measures. Submitted abstracts will be evaluated by 3 reviewers. Note that one does not have to send in a full draft paper at the first deadline, but only an abstract. If the abstract is accepted, a draft paper is expected at the next deadline, short before the meeting.

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Timelines

Abstract submission deadline	: 14 March 2021
Review and selection of abstracts	: 15 -28 March 2021
Abstract acceptance notification	: 29 March 2021
Papers and posters received by the committee deadline. No requests for extensions please.	: 31 May 2021
Review of submitted papers and posters	: 1-11 June 2021
Papers and posters made available on the EuroQol Group website	: 14 June 2021

Meeting's time and place

Time : 29-30 June 2021

Place : Online Zoom meeting

Speakers

Prof Jan J.J. van Busschbach*

Full Professor and head of the section of Medical Psychology of the Erasmus MC Rotterdam.

Prof Nancy Devlin*

Former Chair of the EuroQol Executive Committee and Professor of Health Economics and Director of the Centre for Health Policy in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health

Luo Nan, PhD

Member of the EuroQol Executive Committee and Associate Professor of Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore.

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EUROQOL WORKING GROUPS AGENDA

Descriptive Systems Working Group

Aim 1: to explore the conceptual basis for generic preference-based HRQL measures (i.e., descriptive and measurement work)

Aim 2: Investigate the conceptual basis and develop a framework to rationalize the development of various bolt-ons and bolt-offs

Valuation Working Group

Aim 1: To initiate RFPs and PAs that investigate new approaches to valuing health (including approaches within scope of the QALY framework, as well as methods not necessarily associated with the conventional QALY paradigm).

Aim 2: Support the development and dissemination of EQ-5D-5L value sets in key countries. To stimulate interest in producing EQ-5D (3L and 5L) value sets in key countries across the world and assist the Executive in prioritising value sets requesting support.

Aim 3: To support methodological research examining the basis/rationale for value sets for patient groups.

Aim 4: To provide scientific guidance and support for existing protocols related to valuation studies.

Aim 5: To collaborate with other WGs or approved groups that work on conceptual and practical issues concerned with valuation of EQ-5D technologies.

Aim 6: To appraise the methodological reporting rigor of published value sets for approval by the Executive that the Business Office can post as guidance for users/user support.

Aim 7: To provide scientific guidance and support for valuation of bolt-on studies.

Large Scale Applications Working Group

Aim 1: To initiate RFPs and PAs that promote and examine large-scale health systems applications for EQ products.

Aim 2: To stimulate methodological and applied research relating to the use of EQ-5D in measuring local and system-wide performance, as well as its use in assessing population health. For example:

1. Methodological research in applications including, but not limited to, measurement properties, data collection, presentation formats, communication strategies.

2. Applied research including, but not limited to, evaluation of specific interventions or programs, case-mix adjustment, evaluation in population level interventions, assessment of disparities across population subgroups.

Aim 3: To focus on applications inside healthcare systems, as well as in other non-health sectors.

Aim 4: To explore the development and use of new and existing EQ-5D products for large-scale applications in conjunction with the Business Office and Interface Development WG.

EQ-5D in Younger Populations Working Group

Aim 1: To develop EQ-5D instruments suitable for use in younger populations of various age ranges. This includes the validation of the EQ-5D-Y in younger age groups (using the proxy version).

Aim 2: To promote research to explore the validity of the EQ-5D-Y as a measure of health status in younger populations.

Aim 3: To work closely with WG on Valuation in developing a work programme for the valuation of EQ-5D-Y states.

Aim 4: To promote research in the field of application studies. This might include studies comparing EQ-5D-Y to other instruments as well as doing some basic research in paediatric disease areas in need.

Aim 5: To update the user guide for the 5-level Youth version.