

# Reporting Questionnaire for Children (RQC)

## Brief description

The **Reporting Questionnaire for Children (RQC)** is a 10-item instrument administered verbally to the caregivers of children. It was developed as part of a World Health Organization (WHO) collaborative study involving seven countries. The tool was designed as part of a two-stage screening and assessment protocol. The RQC was intended to be the first stage screen for developmental disability (then called mental retardation), significant degrees of emotional and behavioural disorder and psychotic disorders. The second stage was a standardized psychiatric interview.

## Appropriate target populations

Children between the ages of 5 and 15.

## Administration options

### Formats available

- self-administered (paper-and-pencil)
- self-administered (computer)
- clinician-administered

### Languages available

- English
- French
- Other (Contact authors for more information.)

## Accessibility and cost

- no charge for use
- use requires permission of test developer
- use requires special training and/or professional or academic credentials
- fee for use

### Where to access

Instructions are available from the authors; requests should be addressed to the Division of Mental Health, World Health Organization, Geneva.

Items are also available in: Giel, R., De Arango, M.V., Climent, C.E., Harding, T.W., Ibrahim, H.H.A., Ladrigoignacio, L., et al. (1981). Childhood mental disorders in primary health care: results of observations in four developing countries. *Pediatrics*, 68 (5), 677–683.

### Summary of test development data

#### Quality of reporting

Moderate, based on STARD rating (see Appendix, p. 76).

#### Summary of validity and reliability data

Low, largely on the basis of the limited application in North America, the time that has elapsed from the major validation studies and the lack of information on test reliability.