

Surgical Fear Questionnaire

English version 2019



Dear researcher,

The Surgical Fear Questionnaire (SFQ) (Dutch: vragenlijst 'Vrees Voor de Operatie', VVO) is free of licence for non-commercial purposes. Please refer as:

Theunissen M, Peters ML, Schouten EG, Fiddelaers AA, Willemsen MG, Pinto PR, Gramke HF, Marcus MA. Validation of the Surgical Fear Questionnaire in Adult Patients Waiting for Elective Surgery. PLoS one 2014;9(6):e100225.

Changes compared to the previous version (2014) are only with regard to contact information.

Instructions for use

The Items 1-4 refer to the subscale 'fear of short term consequences of surgery', the items 5-8 refer to the subscale 'fear of long term consequences of surgery'.

Instructions for data-entry and data cleaning:

1. If a subject enters two scores for one item:
 - if adjacent, choose the highest value
 - if non-adjacent (other values are in between) the item has to be considered as missing
2. For the calculation of the subscales no missings are allowed
3. If the total score is used (item 1-8) one missing item score at maximum is allowed, to be replaced by the subject's mean score.
4. Scores are calculated by summing the subscale scores, range 0-40.
Alternatively a total score can be calculated by summing item 1-8, range 0-80.

Instructions for the patient

When completing the questionnaire:

- Please answer on your own behalf; there are no right or wrong answers
- If you make a correction, please indicate clearly which answer is correct
- Take care to answer all questions and give only one answer per question
- Write in black or blue ink

All data will be treated confidentially.

If you have any questions, please contact the researcher.

Thank you for your cooperation.

