Identifying content for the ocular surface diseases-specific item bank to measure quality of life parameters

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**Brief outline of project**

Ocular surface diseases (OSDs) such as dry eyes are one of the commonest reasons for patients’ visits to eye clinics. OSDs are often manifested with symptoms (e.g. discomfort, pain, visual disturbances) which may lead to severe compromise in visual function and subsequently poor quality of life (QoL). However, measurement of QoL in patients with OSDs is currently limited by shortcomings of the available questionnaires. Moreover, these questionnaires are limited to measuring symptoms but not the holistic impact of the disease on patient’s QoL.

The aim of the study is to explore all the important QoL issues in people with OSDs. This involves qualitative approaches (literature review and focus groups with patients and experts). The QoL issues identified in this study will subsequently be aggregated and refined to develop a comprehensive and precise measurement of QoL. The new questionnaire will be administered via a computer adaptive testing system.

**Key references**


**Location of Project**

Sturt Buildings, Bedford Park Campus