



# 14th Annual ISOQOL Conference

## October 10 - 13, 2007

### Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Come join us as we explore the theme of this year's conference:

#### *From Measurement to Understanding.*

How do we understand quality of life research from the perspective of mainstream vs. non-mainstream populations? In health policy applications? When we use different theoretical frameworks for quality of life?



Speakers will include *Claire Bombardier, MD*, Head of the Division of Clinical Decision-making & Health Care, Toronto General Research Institute, who will discuss challenges and successes in using quality of life measures in clinical populations during the keynote address on Thursday, October 11.

A plenary panel of experts will follow up on the topics raised in the keynote address: *Jeff Reading, PhD*, Scientific Director of Canadian Institutes of Health Research: Institute of Aboriginal People's Health, will discuss understanding QoL from the perspective of mainstream and non-mainstream cultures and *Anita Hubley, PhD*, of the University of British Columbia will offer insight in the measurement and understanding of QoL from within an urban setting. They will be joined by additional panel members, to be confirmed.

Friday's plenary will focus on models for measurement with *Ciaran O'Boyle, PhD*, of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and *Allan Jette, PhD*, of Boston University's Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, who will discuss how models or theory can inform and enhance our quality of life measurement and understanding. Dr. O'Boyle will speak to theoretical aspects of quality of life and models for individuals, and Dr. Jette will address the links between models of disability and function such as the WHO's ICF model and quality of life.

The final plenary on Saturday will focus on methods for measurement, and will feature *Kathleen Lohr, PhD*, of RTI International, who will address the PROMIS initiative item banking across several instruments to allow comparison and communication across different instruments, disease groups and populations, along with a speaker to be confirmed on e-health initiatives and how they impact the patient-clinician interaction.

In addition, there is a full schedule of **workshops** planned for Wednesday, October 10. We would love to see you in Toronto in October 2007. Please put the **October 10 - 13** dates on your calendar and tell your colleagues about the meeting! Information is available at the ISOQOL website [www.isoqol.org](http://www.isoqol.org).