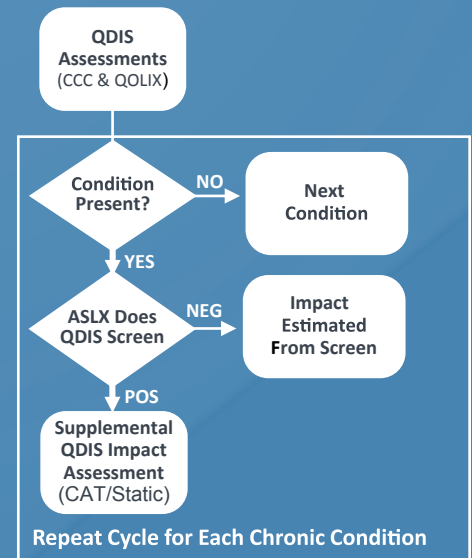


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## QDIS<sup>®</sup> Disease Impact Scale

The Quality of Life Disease Impact Scale (QDIS) measures the quality of life impact attributed to each chronic condition reported, using 1 to 7 items per condition. QDIS fills the gap between disease-specific scales that do not measure QOL and generic QOL scales that do not measure disease-specific impact. Items in each disease bank represent the same 10 content areas: physical functioning, mobility, role functioning, social activity, fatigue, sleep, emotional well-being, cognitive functioning, health outlook, and quality of life. However, in contrast to generic forms of QOL items that make attributions to “health”, each QDIS item makes an attribution to a specific disease or condition. QDIS is available and has been evaluated in short fixed length and adaptive forms; the latter can employ ASLX which more efficiently measures the impact of a primary condition and each comorbid condition. An overall comorbidity impact score combining standardized QOL impact ratings also can be estimated. All QDIS scores are normed to have a mean of 50 (SD=10) in the chronically ill general US population (higher QDIS scores indicate worse QOL impact). Disease-specific norms are also available for some conditions.



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