

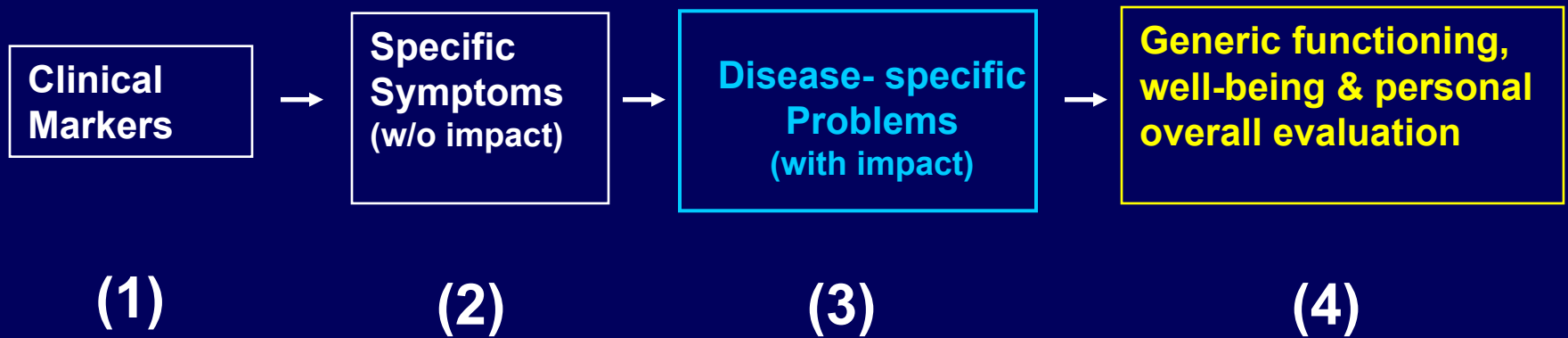
Future of Outcomes Measurement: Item Banking, Short Forms & CAT

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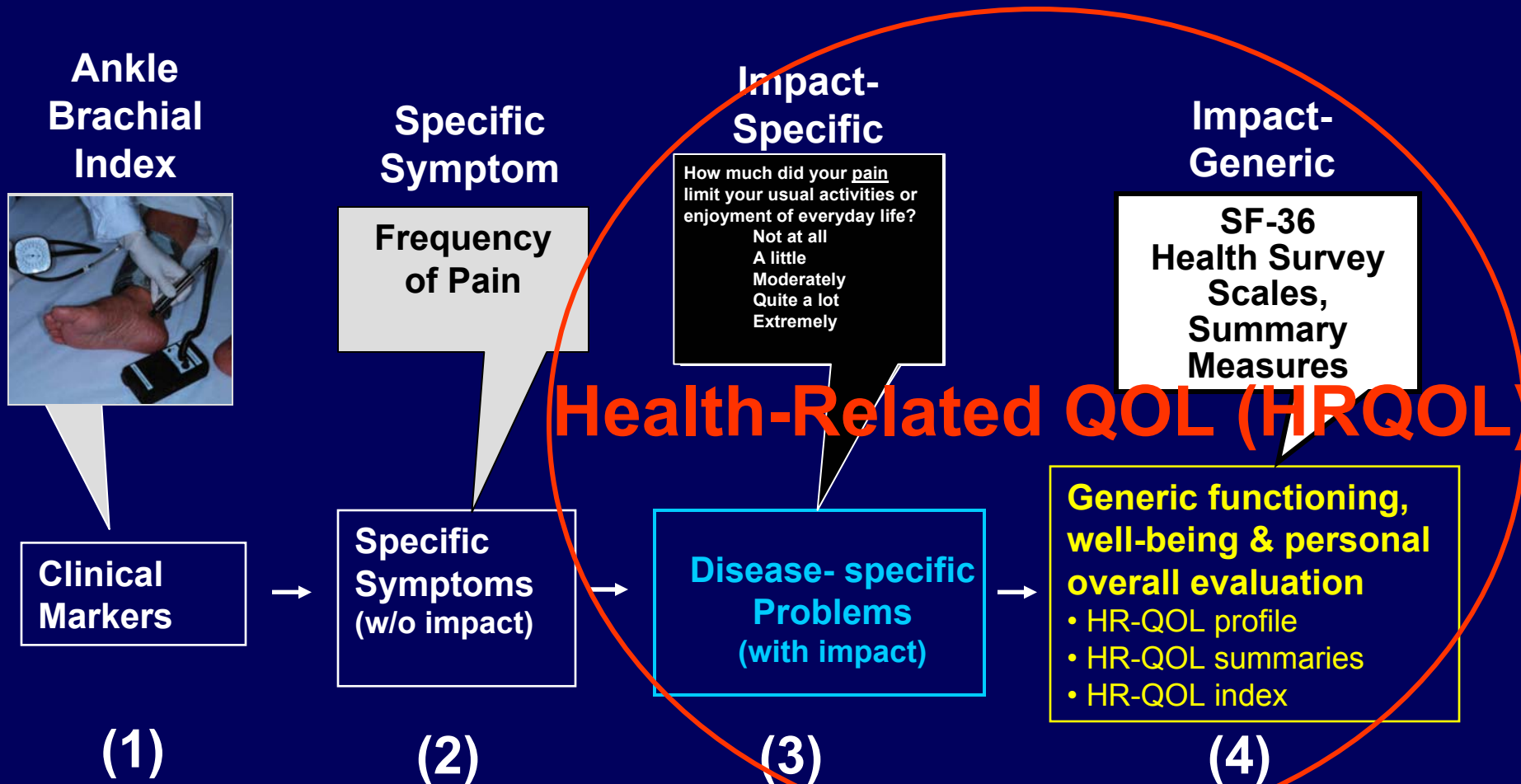
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Continuum of Disease-Specific and Generic Health Measures

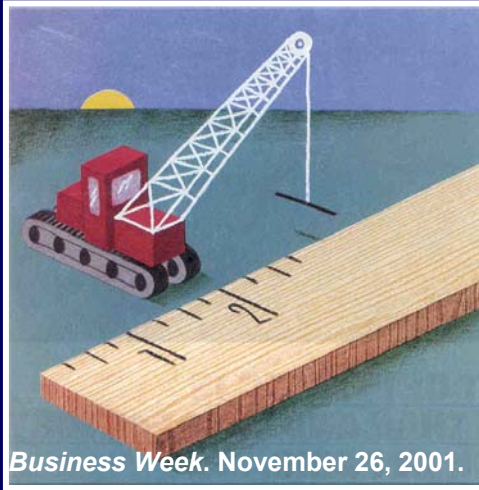


What is Health - Related Quality of Life (HRQOL)?



What do we want from IRT and CAT?

- More **practical** tools
- More **precise** scores
- Measurement over a **wider range**
- **Lower costs** of data collection
- Greater **comparability**
- Results in **real time**

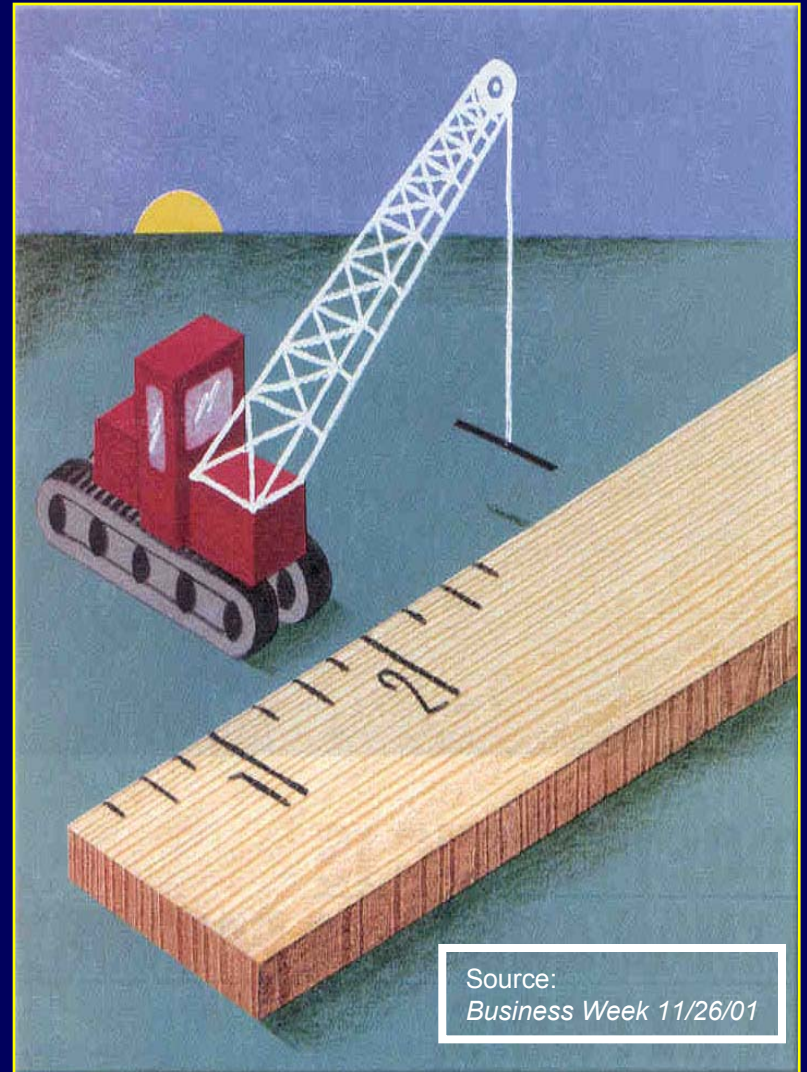
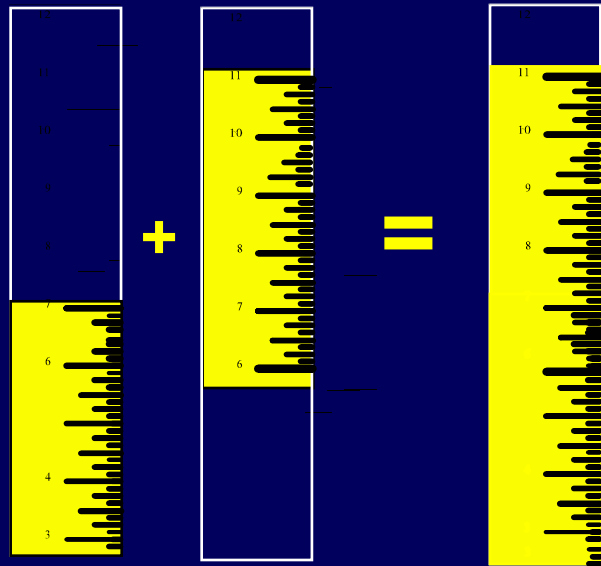


Solutions

- **Improved psychometrics**
- **Computerized adaptive testing (CAT) software**
- **The Internet**

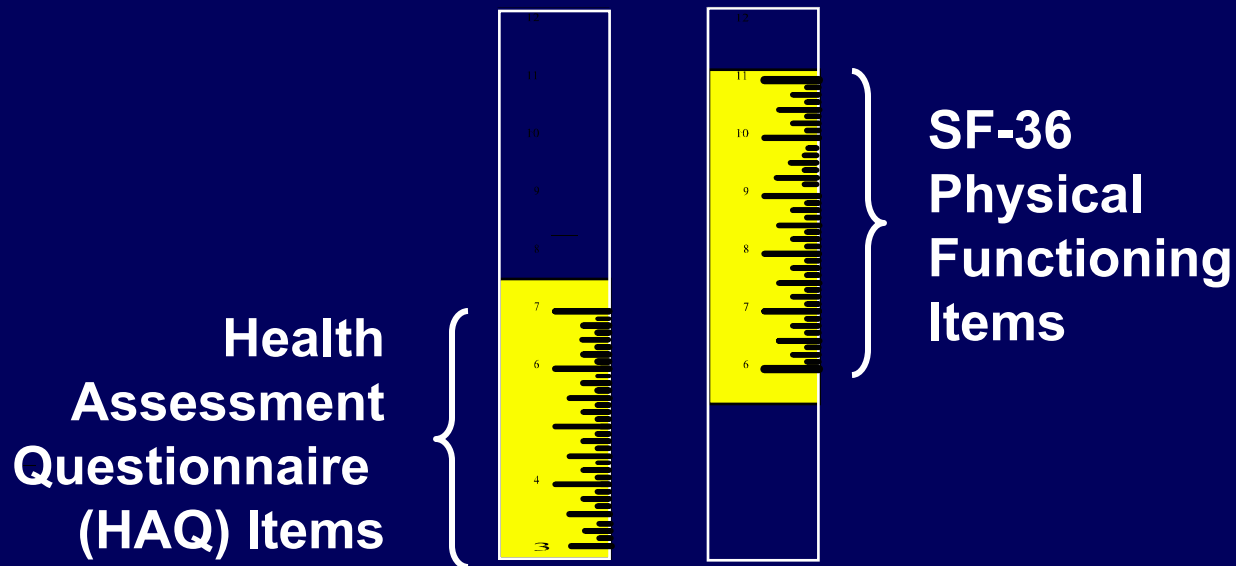
First, Construct Better Metrics

Item "Pools"
Item "Banking"
Cross Calibration



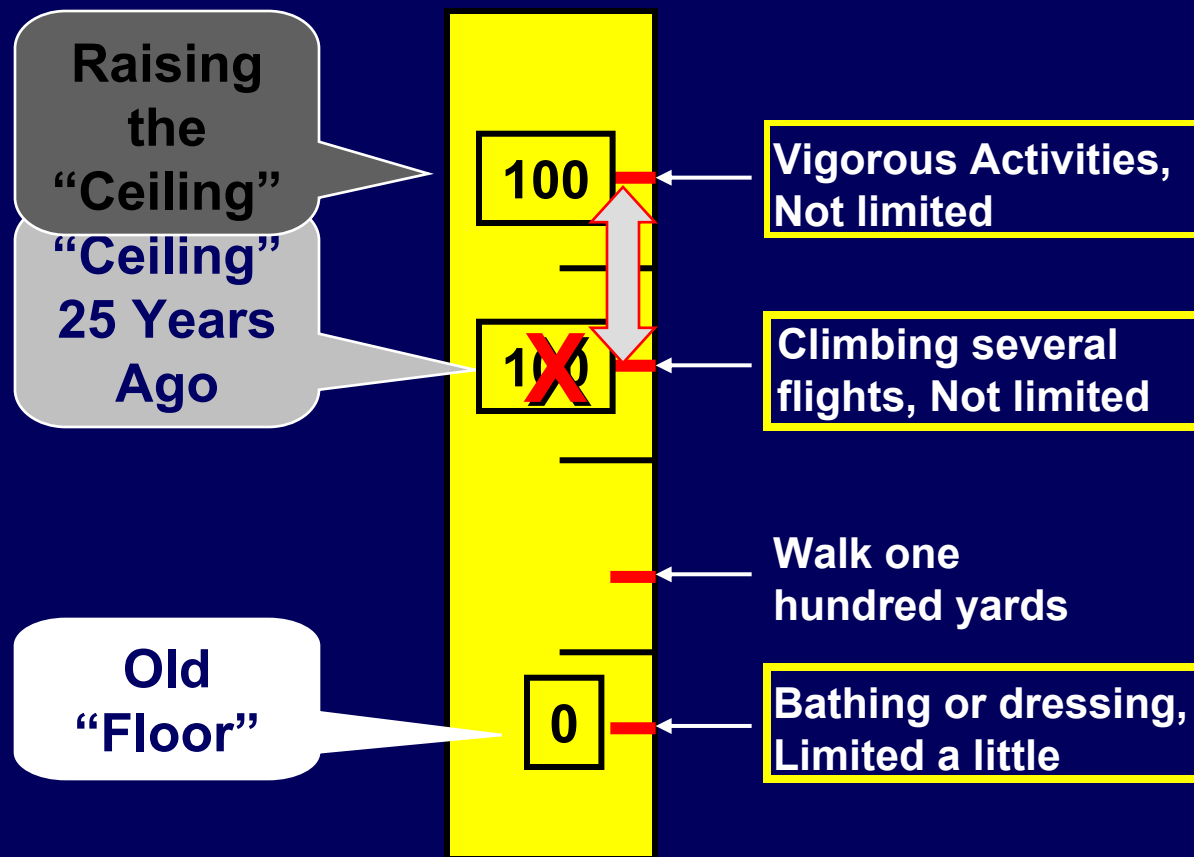
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Combining HAQ & SF-36 Items Improves Measurement of Physical Functioning



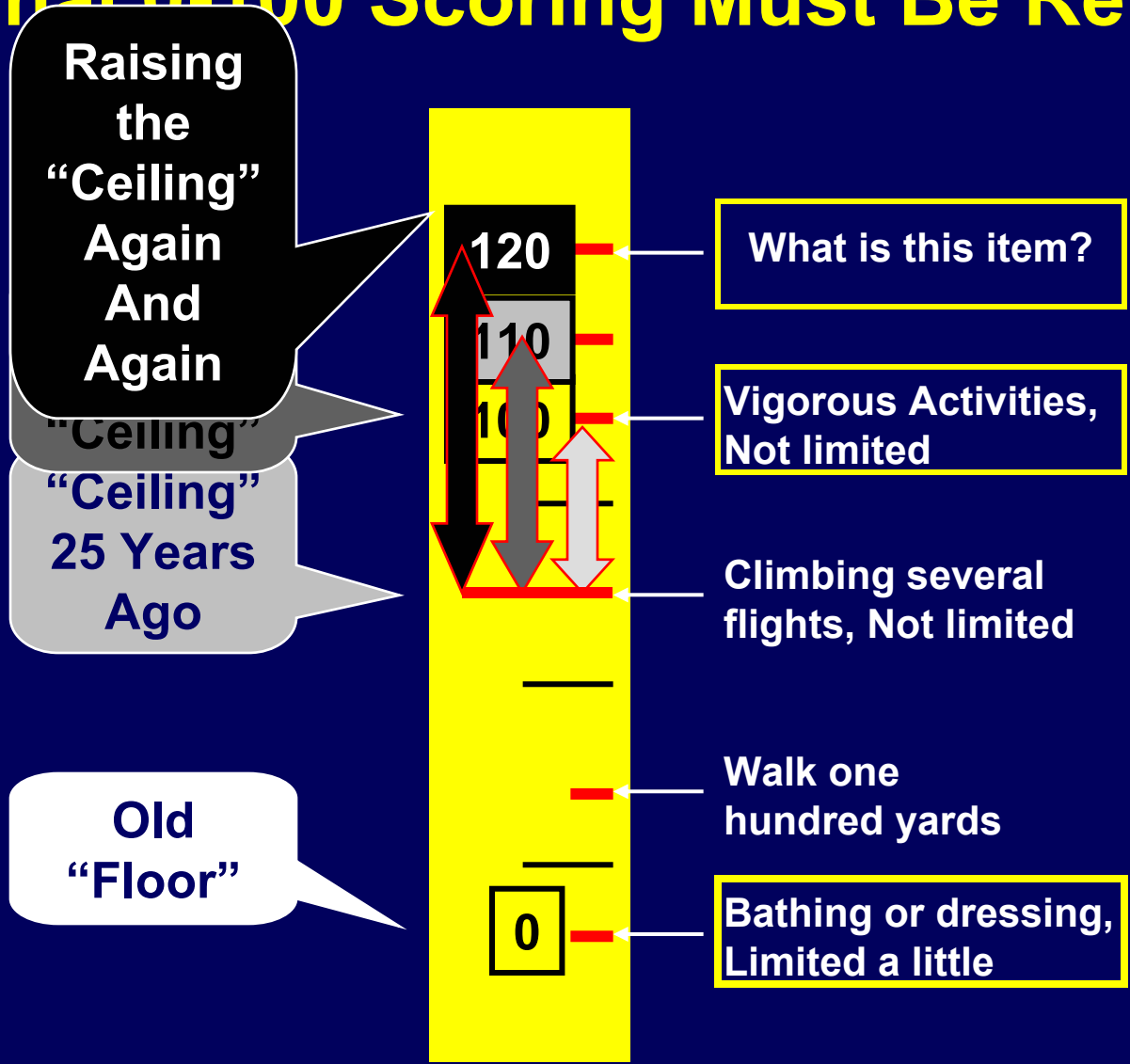
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Physical Functioning

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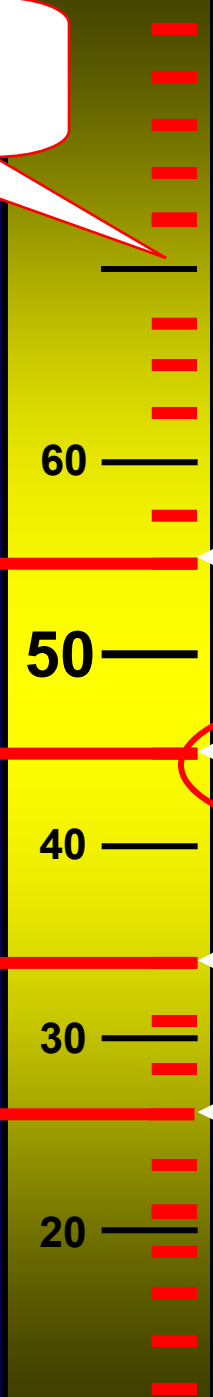
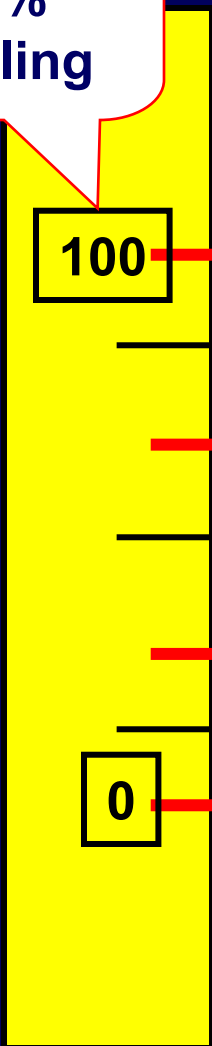


Physical Functioning

New "Ruler"
< 7 %

Old "Ruler"
> 30%
@ Ceiling

New Functional Metrics Scale



Vigorous Activity

60

Climbing several flights, Not limited

50

Walk one hundred yards

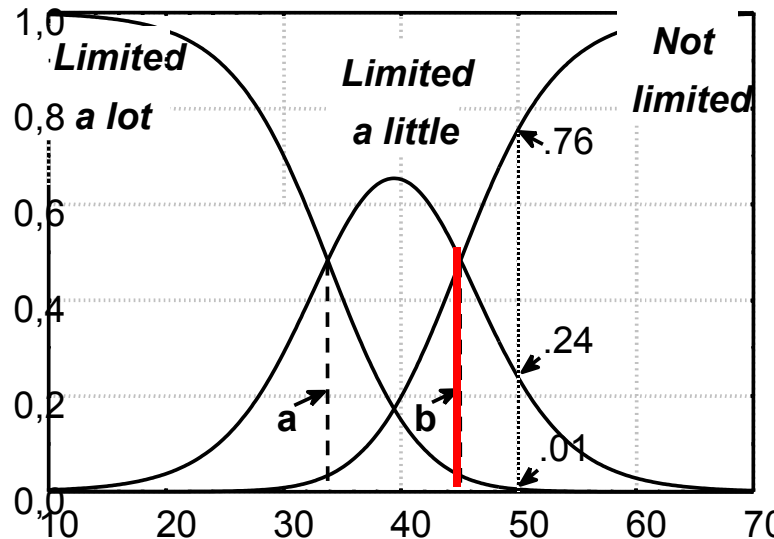
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Bathing or dressing, Limited a little

30

20

Norm







Mean = 50
SD = 10



Cross-Calibration Makes Scores Comparable and Interpretable

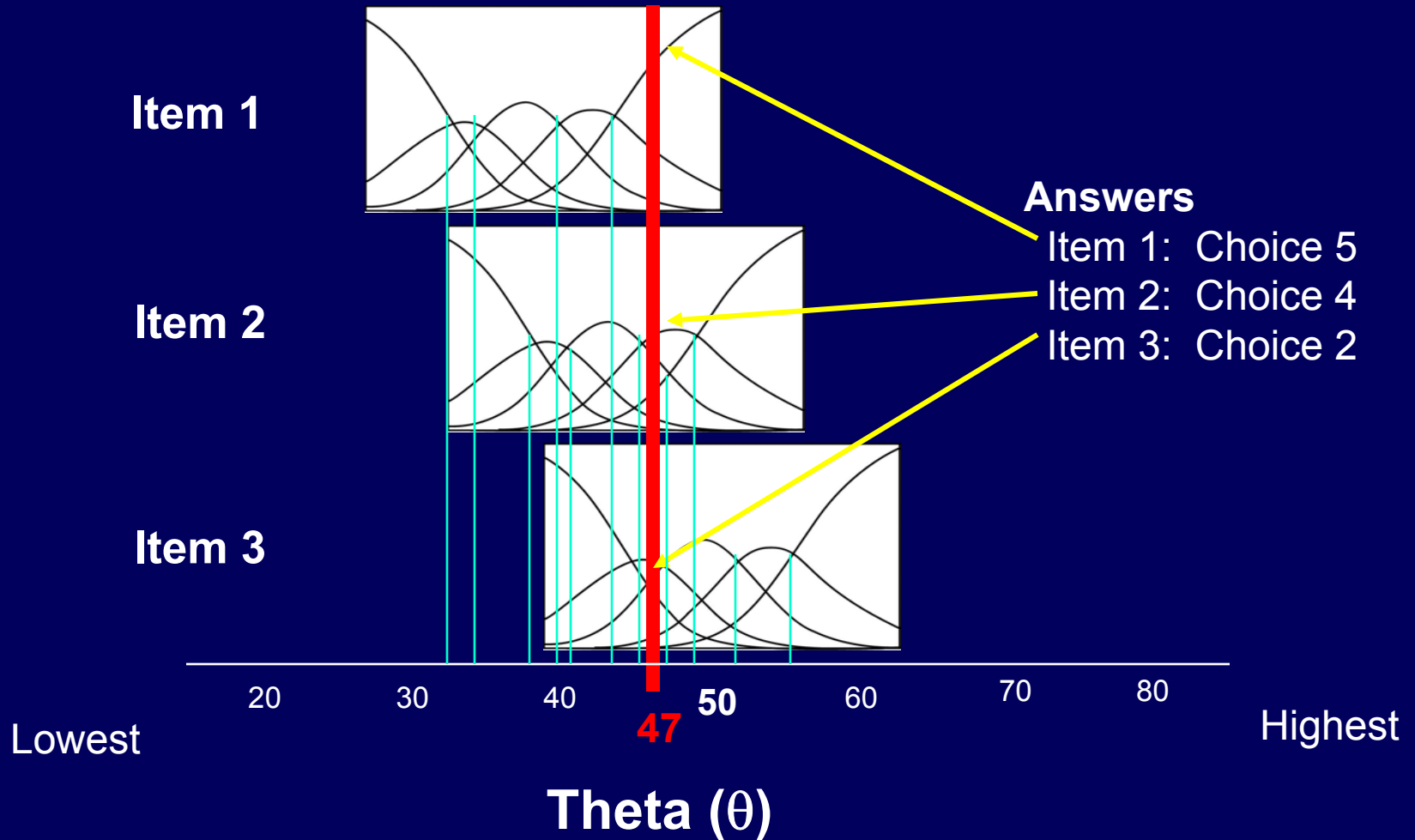
Theta (θ) [Best Possible Estimate]

Scales	20	30	40	50	60	70
HDI 	16	43	73	91	98	100
HIMQ 	74	53	31	17	8	2
MIDAS 	58	28	5	1	0	0
MSQ 	31	53	79	92	96	99
DYNHA-5 (+)	23	32	41	51	58	66

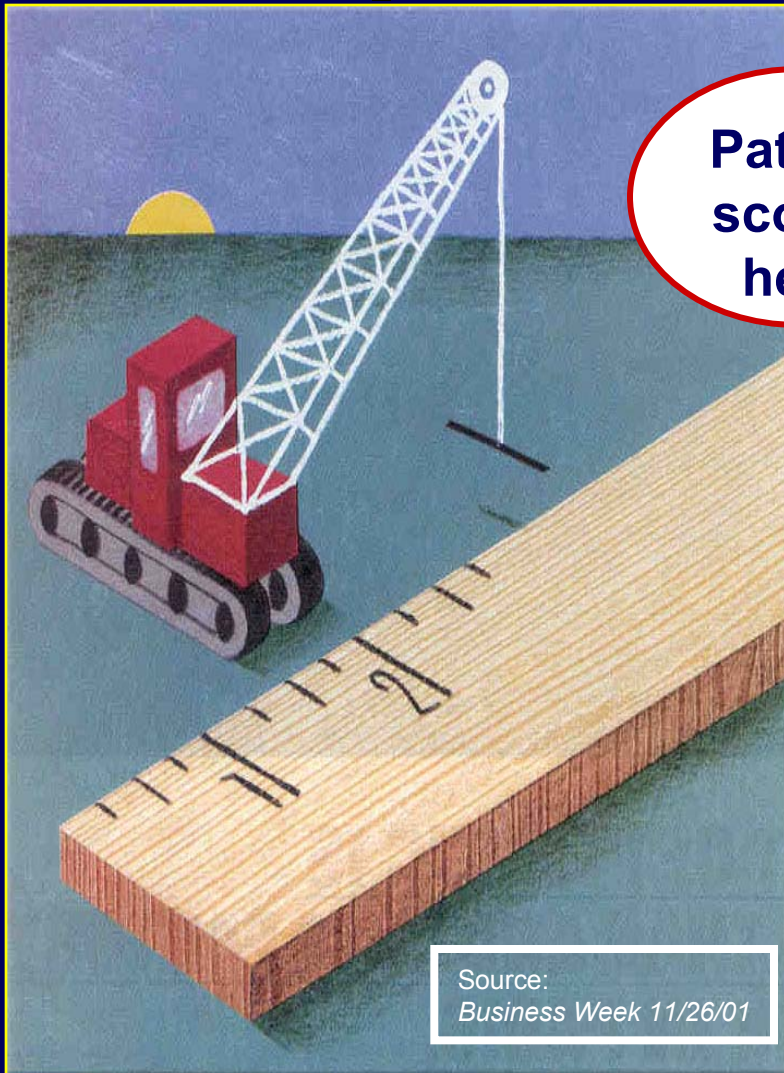
Note: Direction of scoring in parenthesis

Source: Ware, Bjorner & Kosinski *Medical Care*, 2000

Response To Each Item is Predictable From Theta (θ)



Second, Assess Health Dynamically



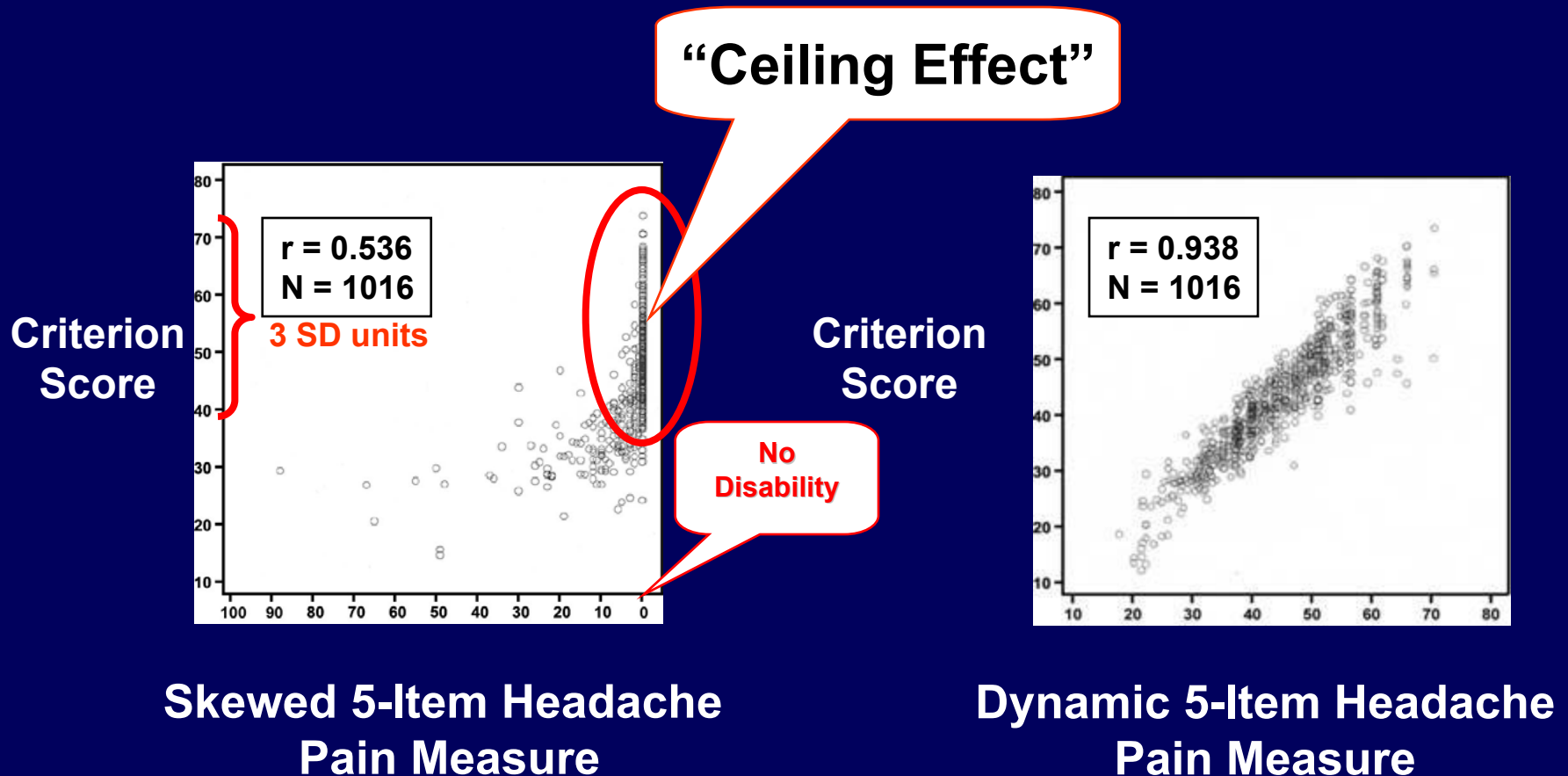
Patient scores here

Computerized Dynamic Health Assessment

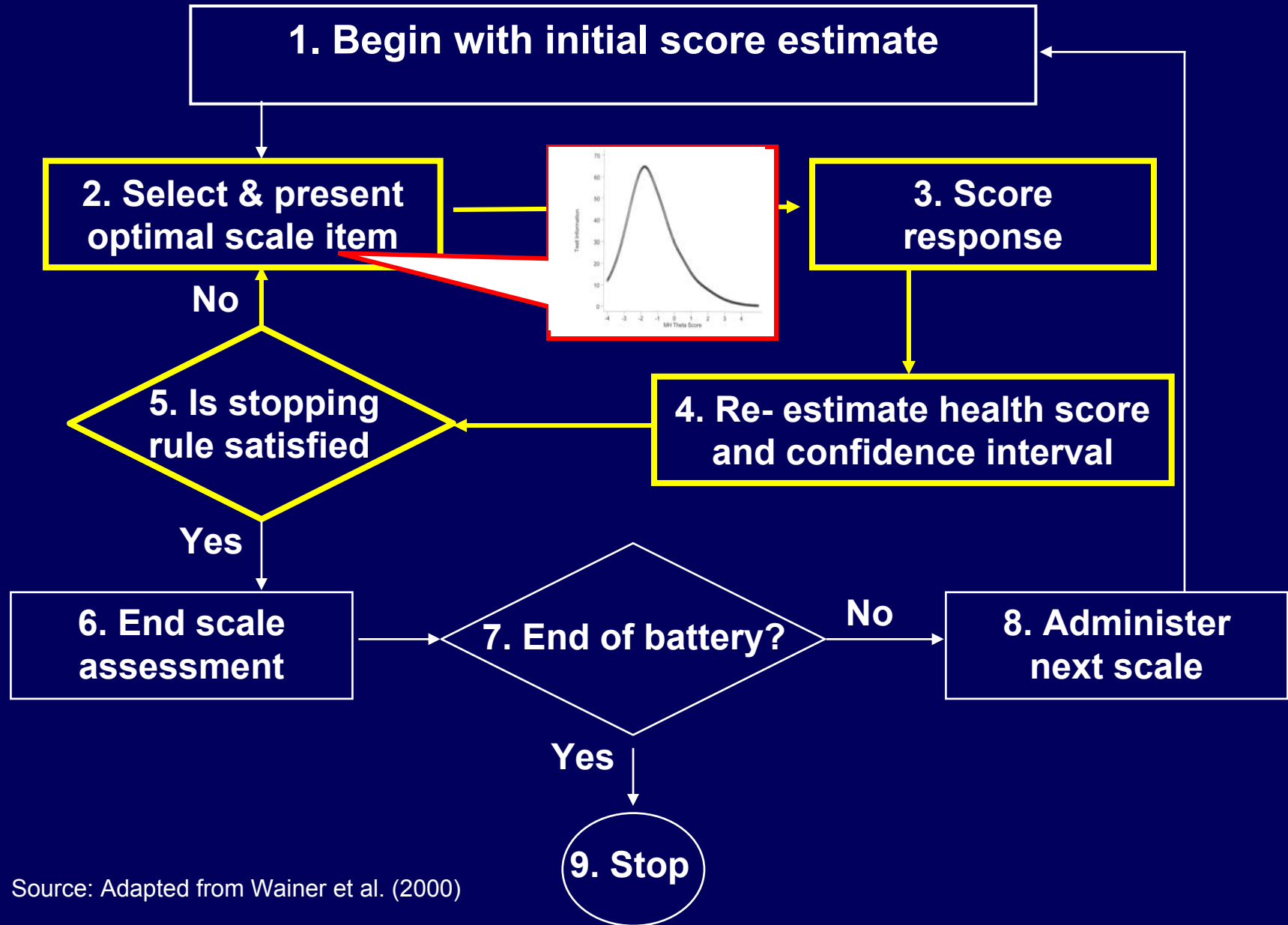


Physical Functioning (PF)

Scatterplots Show That Some Short Forms Don't Measure Higher Levels of Health



Logic of Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT)





Computerized Dynamic Physical Activity Assessment

- **Demo uses 101 physical activity items**
- **Preliminary calibrations from BU Project**
- **Dynamic Health Assessment (DYNHA®)
Software**
- **Evaluation using “real data” simulation
method**

Movement & Physical Activity Item Set (N=101)

- **5** FIM items
- **9** SF-36 physical functioning items
- **11** MDS-PAC items
- **8** MDS items
- **5** OASIS items
- **63** new items (16 device, 8 wheelchair)

Rehabilitation Case Study # 1



DYNHA®

Dynamic Health
Assessment Software

Scale: Screening It

of Items: 0

Score Est. NA

Conf. Int. ± NA

Best Items	Info. Val.
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SCREEN	NA
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1. Which statement best describes how you move around?

- I do not use a walking device.
- I occasionally use a cane or walker or other walking device.
- I always use a cane or walker or other walking device.
- I use a wheelchair.

Previous

Show Graph

Next

How Well Do the Results Agree?

	CAT DYNHA	Total Item Pool
Physical Activity Score	37.5	35.5
95% confidence interval	2.9	1.1
Respondent burden (items)	5	60

Source: Haley SM, Coster WJ, Andres PL, Kosinski M, Ni P.
Arch Phys Med Rehabil 2004, Apr; 85(4): 661-6.

Rehabilitation Case Study # 2



DYNHA®

Dynamic Health
Assessment Software

Scale: Screening It

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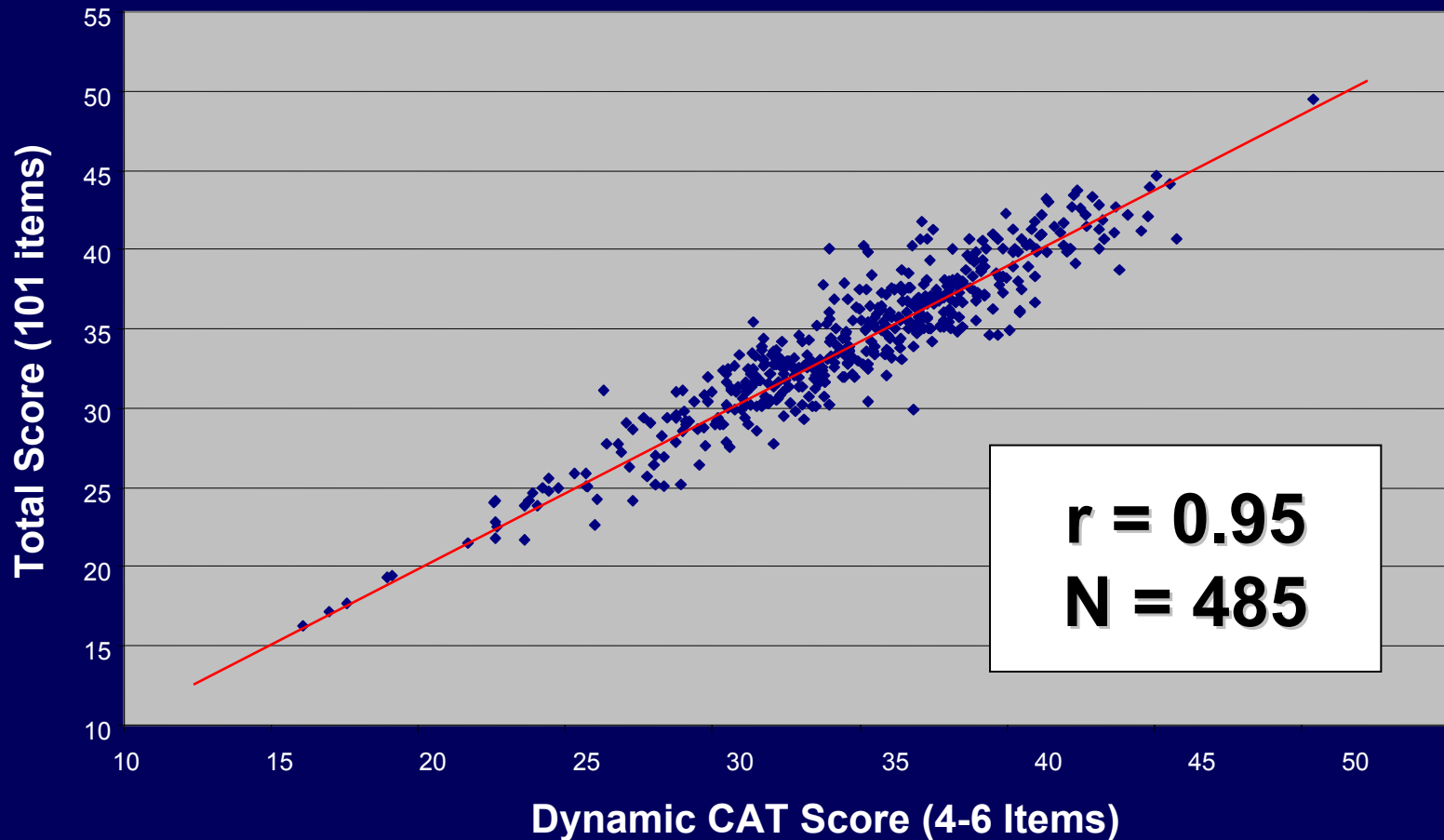
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How Well Do the Results Agree?

	CAT DYNHA	Total Item Pool
Physical Activity Score	31.0	32.1
95% confidence interval	2.8	1.1
Respondent burden (items)	4	44

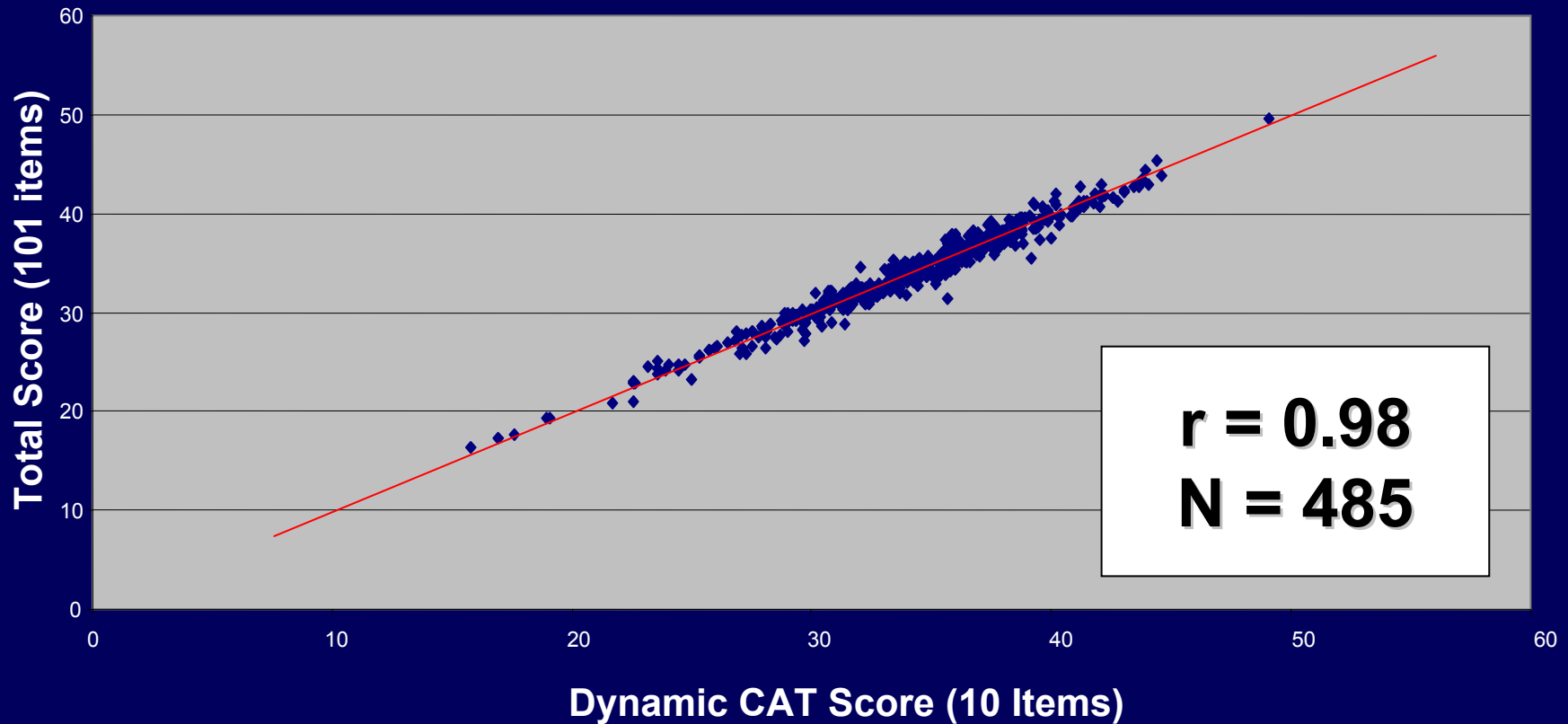
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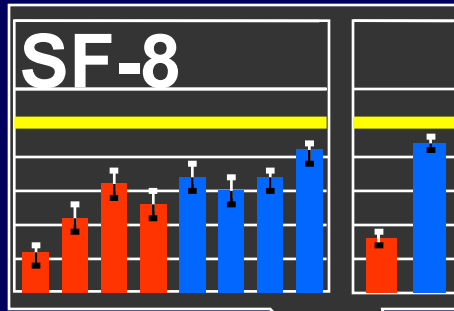


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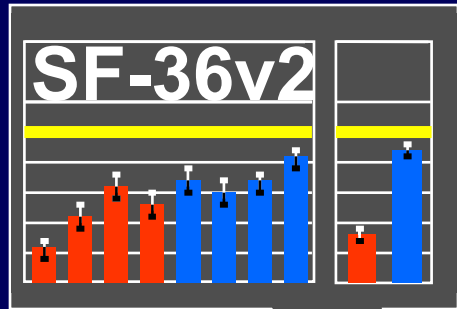
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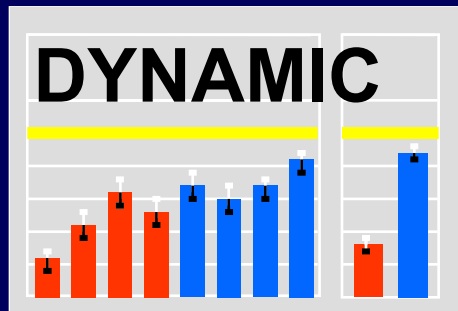


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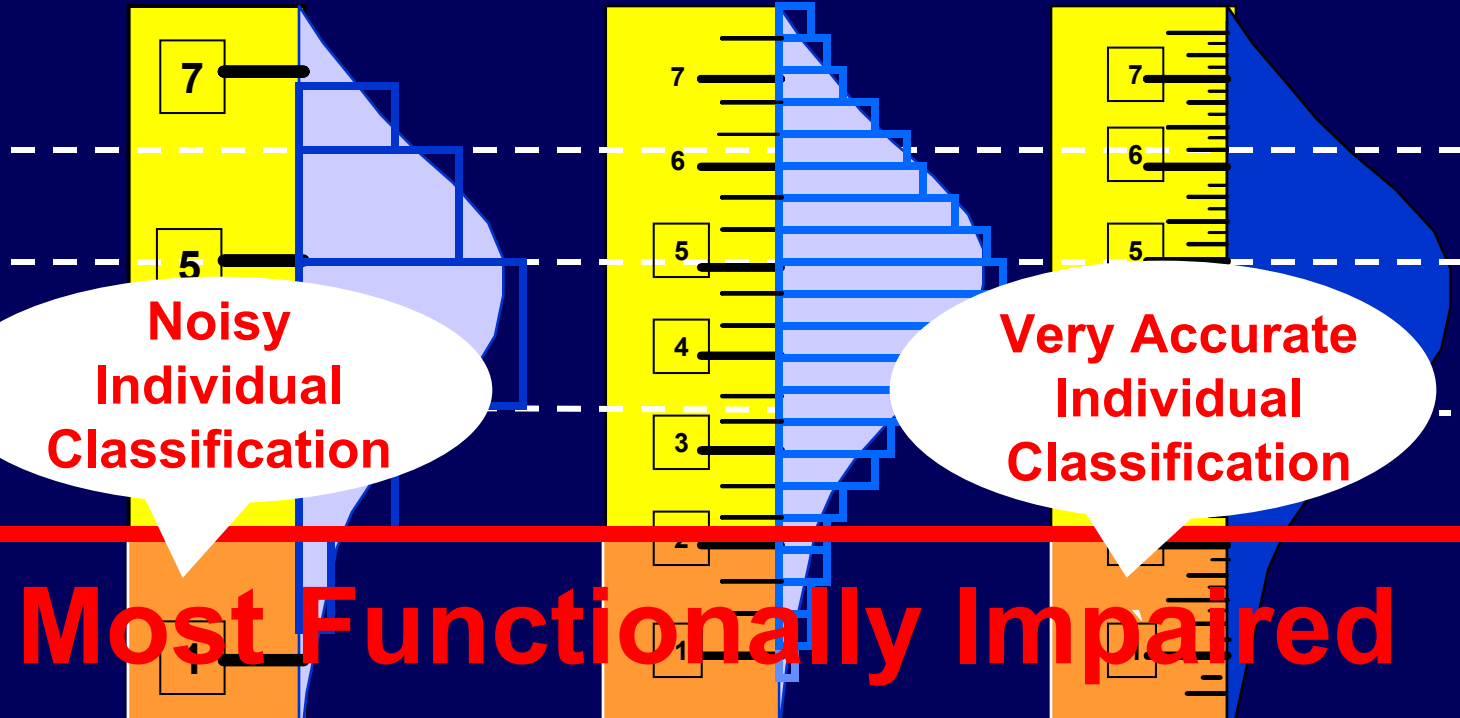
- **Patient-level screening & monitoring -**
How to improve decision-making?
(Individual patient-level standards of reliability and validity: CAT assessments)

Matching Methods to Requirements of Each Application

Population Monitoring

Group-Level Outcomes Monitoring

Patient-Level Management



Most Functionally Impaired

Single-Item (SF-8)

Multi-Item Scale (SF-36)

'Item Pool' (Dynamic)

What are the Advantages of Dynamic Assessments?

- **More accurate risk screening**
- **Reliable enough to monitor individual patient outcomes**
- **Brevity of a short form – 90% reduction in respondent burden**
- **Elimination of “ceiling” & “floor” effects**
- **Can be used with various technologies**
- **Markedly reduced data collection costs**
- **Monitor & improve data quality in real time**



Public Documentation of Item Calibrations on the Internet

Physical Functioning (PF) Item Parameters Documented on Internet: www.sf-36.org

The screenshot shows the SF-36.org website. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu with links for Home, I Want SF, News, Upcoming Events, FAQs, Research, Discussion, and Contact Us. Below the navigation is a section titled "SF-36.org 'Community News'" with a "LOGIN" button. The main content area features an article titled "A Call to Establish Common Metrics for Consumer-reported Health Status Measurement". The article includes a diagram titled "Calibration of New Physical Functioning (PF) Metric" which shows a vertical scale from 0 to 60. The scale has a "PF-10 Top Threshold (56.0)" at the top, an "Average = 50" in the middle, and a "PF-10 Bottom Threshold (25.4)" at the bottom. Brackets on either side of the scale indicate the "Range Covered, Current PF Item Pool" and the "Range Covered, By PF-10". The article text discusses the use of Item Response Theory (IRT) and computerized adaptive testing (CAT) for health outcomes assessment. To the right of the article is a login form with fields for "Your Email Address" and "Password", and a "Login" button. Below the login form is a link for "Forgot Password? Click here". At the bottom right, there is a box that says "Join the SF Community for FREE to receive full access".

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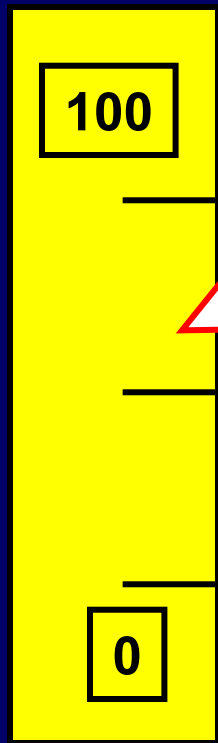
Calibration of New Physical Functioning (PF) Metric

Item response theory (IRT) and computerized adaptive testing (CAT) have much potential in establishing common metrics and more efficient methods for assessing well-defined domains of health outcomes. However, their full benefits will only be achieved if researchers share their results in a new way.

To initiate this endeavor QualityMetric Incorporated and the Health Assessment Lab are posting the item parameters for the 10 Physical Functioning scale (PF-10) items. The intent of documenting these parameters is to enable other researchers to link their item calibrations to norm-based calibrations for these widely-used items. [Read more](#)

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PF-10

PF Item	Abbreviated Content	Threshold 1	Threshold 2
01	Vigorous activities	-0.612	0.602
02	Moderate activities	-1.626	-0.603
03	Lift/carry groceries	-1.899	-0.895
04	Climb several flights of stairs	-1.288	-0.246
05	Climb one flight of stairs	-1.927	-0.995
06	Bend/kneel/stooping	-1.598	-0.312
07	Walking more than a mile	-1.703	-0.381
08	Walking several blocks	-1.409	-0.857
09	Walking one block	-1.980	-1.326
10	Bathing or dressing	-2.458	-1.865

Note: Slopes = 2.558; 1998 representative US sample (N = 6,303)
For more information go to www.sf-36.org
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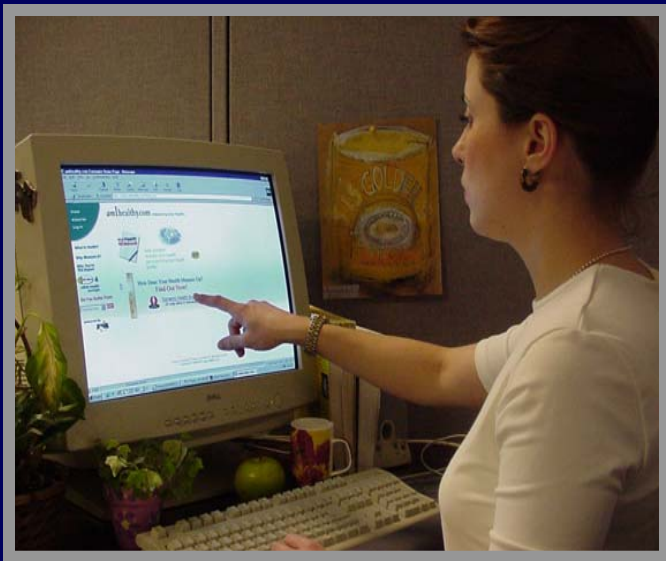


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Computerized Adaptive Version of the PEDI (Phase I)	Pediatric	National Institutes of Health	National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD)
Functional Health CAT in Chronic Kidney Disease (Phase I)	Chronic Kidney Disease	National Institutes of Health	National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Disease (NIDDK)
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Measuring Rehabilitation Outcomes	Rehab (Adult)	Department of Education	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)
Functional Health CAT in Diabetes (Phase I)	Diabetes	National Institutes of Health	National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Disease (NIDDK)
Computerized Adaptive Assessment of Headache Impact (Phase I)	Headache	National Institutes of Health	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)
Dynamic Assessment of Pediatric Health and Functioning	Pediatric	National Institutes of Health	National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD)
Computerized Adaptive Version of the PEDI (Phase II)	Pediatric	National Institutes of Health	National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD)
Computerized Adaptive Assessment of Asthma Impact (Phase I)	Asthma	National Institutes of Health	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute



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