

Supplemental File 1: CWE Survey Measures

Construct	Measure	Description	No. of items	Validity and Reliability
Parent-child Communication (CWE-Reported)	Revised Family Communication Patterns Instrument (RFCP) (Ritchie & Fitzpatrick, 1990)	<p>Captures two family communication patterns as perceived by children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socio Orientation family communication pattern involves use of parental power to enforce child's overt conformity to the parent (i.e. closed communication) Concept Orientation family communication pattern involves parental encouragement of conversation and open exchange of ideas and feelings (i.e. open communication) 	23	<p>Good validity and reliability (Koerner & Fitzpatrick, 2002)</p> <p><i>In this study</i>, Cronbach's alpha 0.92 (concept-orientation) and 0.71 (socio-orientation)</p>
	Talking to Parents about Epilepsy Affect Scale	Scale developed by authors to assess perceived level of negative & positive affect experienced by CWE after communicating with their parents about epilepsy	6	<i>In this study</i> , Reliability analysis of this scale revealed Cronbach's alpha of 0.68
Psychosocial Wellbeing for CWE	Child Attitude towards Illness Scale (CATIS) (Austin & Huberty, 1993)	Assesses children's positive and negative feelings about having a chronic condition	13	<p>Demonstrated good validity and internal consistency reliability (Heimlich et al., 2000)</p> <p><i>In this study</i>, coefficient alpha 0.86</p>
	Self-Perception Profile for Children, (SPPC) (Harter, 1985a)	<p>Assesses children's self-esteem across five specific domains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> scholastic competence social acceptance athletic competence physical appearance behavioural conduct <p>Also, assesses - global self-worth</p>	36	<p>Good validity and internal consistency reliability (Harter, 1985a)</p> <p><i>In this study</i>, alpha coefficients for all six subscales were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.93 (scholastic competence) 0.87 (social acceptance) 0.92 (athletic competence) 0.92 (physical appearance) 0.84 (behavioural conduct) 0.93 (global self-worth).
	Health-Related Quality of Life Measure for CWE (CHEQOL) (Ronen,	<p>Five subscales measuring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interpersonal/social consequences worries and concerns intrapersonal/emotional issues 	25	<p>Good validity and internal consistency reliability (Ronen et al., 2003)</p> <p><i>In this study</i>, alpha coefficients for five</p>

	Streiner & Rosenbaum, 2003).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • epilepsy my secret • quest for normality. 		subscales were; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.89 (interpersonal/social consequences) • 0.77 (worries and concerns) • 0.77 (intrapersonal/emotional issues) • 0.76 (epilepsy my secret) • 0.71 (quest for normality).
	Social Support Scale for Children and Adolescents (SSSCA) (Harter, 1985b)	Assesses children's perceptions of social support from four sources – four subscales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parent support • friend support • classmate support • teacher support 	24	Good validity and internal consistency reliability (Harter, 1985b) <i>In this study</i> , Cronbach's alpha were; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.81 for parental support • 0.94 for friend support • 0.81 for classmate support • 0.81 for teacher support.
	Child Need for Information and Support measure (Subscale of the Child Report of Psychosocial Care Scale) (Austin et al., 1998)	Subscale measures CWE's need for information and support relating to their epilepsy.	6	Good validity and internal consistency reliability (Austin et al., 1998) <i>In this study</i> , coefficient alpha was 0.83.
	Child Information Received measure (Subscale of the Child Report of Psychosocial Care Scale) (Austin et al., 1998)	Subscale measures CWE's perceived satisfaction with level of information received from healthcare professionals about their epilepsy.	6	Good validity and internal consistency reliability (Austin et al., 1998). <i>In this study</i> , coefficient alpha was 0.69.