

Capturing data: a functioning and related health outcomes module

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The functioning and related health outcomes module (FRHOM) is a tool designed to collect quantified summary information on a person's current status across all components of functioning as defined in the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF).

The information, potentially gathered over time and by a range of health and community care providers, could draw on existing assessment tools to create a profile of functional status including prevailing environmental factors. The module can be used to describe human functioning, health status, outcomes of health interventions and the need for assistance in relation to human functioning. The FRHOM enables the efficient and effective storage and transmission of data on human functioning in a wide range of human service systems, and among settings within systems. The means of transmission could include electronic health records.

This paper will describe the development of the FRHOM, the tool itself and the program of testing. Early results and the next steps in the development of the FRHOM will be discussed.