

Measuring quality of life important with diabetes Tx

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(HealthDay)—Patients with diabetes report worse quality of life (QoL)

with more intensified treatment, according to a study published in online Nov. 28 in *Diabetes Care*.

Clare Bradley, Ph.D., from the University of London, and colleagues assessed predictors (patient characteristics, physician-reported adherence, complications, and glycosylated hemoglobin) for patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) among 5,813 patients with type 2 [diabetes](#).

The researchers found that mean PROM scores indicated that QoL was "good." Patient-reported [treatment](#) satisfaction exceeded physicians' estimates. Worse QoL was predicted by intensifying treatments to three oral agents or insulin regimens (P

"The findings demonstrate the importance of measuring QoL alongside health status and other patient-reported outcomes when evaluating diabetes treatments with a view to protecting QoL and facilitating adherence and long-term glycemic control," the authors write.

Several authors disclosed financial ties to pharmaceutical companies, including AstraZeneca and Bristol-Myers Squibb, both of which funded the trial.

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