



Develop the ICF-Based Assessment to Describe Conditions of Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Identification of the Relevant Categories

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Background:

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability and some people will have needs for support to live independent lives and find work in the community. It is important to carry out individually tailored intervention to the needs and wishes of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the context of their environmental systems and to ensure close cooperation among mutual local authorities and organizations such as health, social services, education and employment as well as to understand characteristics and relevant issues of the disorder in order to promote independent living of adults with ASD. However, there have been few common assessments of needs for adults with ASD which would be used among service providers across the relevant sectors. Hence this study is intended to develop an assessment based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) to identify support needs of adults with ASD.

Objective:

This is the first phase of developing the ICF-based assessment. The purpose of this study is to identify the most typical and relevant categories of Activities and Participation, and Environmental factors of the ICF for persons with ASD.

Methods:

The Method involves preliminary studies and expert opinion. The preliminary studies include a systematic review on structured search terms and keywords in English and Japanese from PubMed, The Cochrane Library and Scholarly and Academic Information Navigator in the National Institute of Informatics, Japan (CiNii). Expert opinion is gathered from Developmental Disabilities Support Centres in Japan on the basis of the evidence from the exercise.

Results:

The Results with details are showed on the day of conference.