

# **EORTC QLQ-CLL17 Scoring Manual**

The **Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia Module** is a supplementary questionnaire module to be employed in conjunction with the QLQ-C30.

The QLQ-CLL17 incorporates three Multi-item scales to assess Symptom burden, Physical condition / fatigue and Worries / fears about health and functioning.

The scoring approach for the QLQ-CLL17 is identical in principle to that for the Symptom scales / Single items of the QLQ-C30. All scoring information specific to the QLQ-CLL17 is presented in Table 1.

## *Interpretation:*

All of the Multi-item scales range in score from 0 to 100.

A high score for all of the Multi-item scales represents a high level of symptomatology or problems.

Table 1. Scoring the QLQ-CLL17

	Number of items (n)	Item range *	QLQ-CLL17 item numbers $(I_1, I_2,, I_n)$
Multi-item scales			
Symptom burden	6	3	31 - 36
Physical condition / fatigue	4	3	37 - 40
Worries / fears about health and	5/7	3	41 - 47
functioning <sup>a</sup>			

a item 46 and 47 are conditional questions and must only be scored if these are applicable.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Item range" is the difference between the possible maximum and the minimum response to individual items. All items are scored 1 to 4, giving range = 3.

#### How to score

#### 1) Raw score

For each Multi-item scale, calculate the average of the corresponding items.

Raw Score = 
$$RS = \left\{ \frac{(I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n)}{n} \right\}$$

### 2) Linear Transformation

To obtain the Score S, standardize the raw score to a 0-100 range using the following algorithm:

$$S = \left\{ \frac{(RS - 1)}{range} \right\} \times 100$$

For directions on missing data or for more detailed information on the interpretation of scores, please see the EORTC QLQ-C30 Scoring Manual (2001).

Further questions or remarks regarding the scoring algorithms for the QLQ-CLL17 can be directed to the Quality of Life Specialist in the Quality of Life Department at the EORTC.

#### Reference

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