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## List of Abbreviation

<b>BHPI</b>	:	Bangladesh Health Professions Institute
<b>BMRC</b>	:	Bangladesh Medical Research Council
<b>CRP</b>	:	Center for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed
<b>WHO</b>	:	World Health Organization
<b>IRB</b>	:	Institutional Review Board
<b>CP</b>	:	Cerebral Palsy
<b>SPSS</b>	:	Statistical Package for the Social Science

## Abstract

**Introduction:** HRQoL is a part of QoL. It is the patients' own evaluation of functioning in the physical, psychological and social domains (Hamming and Veries, 2007). Compared with QoL, HRQoL is measured using fewer domains. Hence, evaluation of HRQoL is not as extensive as the assessment of QoL. **Objective:** To determine the quality of life of children with cerebral palsy. **Study Design/Methods:** This study was conducted using cross sectional prospective survey under a quantitative study design. Cross sectional study design was chosen to meet the study aim as an effective way to collect data. 100 cerebral palsy children were taken as the sample of this study. **Results/ Major findings:** According to analysis the mean score of mobility is 2.37. That means mean score of 2.37 children affected in mobility. Mobility includes opening door, picking an object, carrying a drink, number of rooms, children entered unassisted, getting in and out of car, longer outing excluding school. For those activities maximum children have need maximum to minimum assistance. The minimum to maximum range is (1-3.44). The mean score of schooling is 2.15. That means 2.15 children affected in schooling. Schooling includes type of school, time of attendance, distance between home and school. For those activities children have need maximum to minimum assistance. The minimum to maximum range is (0.33-3.67). Analysis shows that the mean score of physical independence is 1.84. That means 1.84 children affected in physical independence. It includes cleaning hand, eating bowl of food, buttoning, putting shirt, toileting, climbing stair, need help at night, and need lift. For those activities children have need minimum to moderate support. Minimum to maximum range is (0.50-3.75). The mean score of social integration 1.78 means 1.78 children are affected in social integration. It includes friends meet, helpful family, supportive and understanding neighbor, family restriction, organizing holiday. For those activities child need minimum to moderate assistance. Minimum to maximum range is (.75-3.13). Mean score of economic burden 1.46 means 1.46 children are affected in economic burden. It includes special food, money spent in home modification, help from organization, and job change for children. For these activities children need minimum to moderate help. The mean score 1.34 of clinical burden means 1.34 children affected in clinical burden. It includes number of consulting doctor, number of taking medicine, duration of staying hospital, number of occurring operation, need of special equipment or plasters. For those activities children need minimum to moderate help. **Conclusion and Recommendations:** To conclude, HRQOL is significantly affected in majority of children with cerebral palsy. Measurement of HRQOL should be used with other forms of assessment, to indicate areas in which a person is most affected and help the practitioner in making appropriate decisions for patient care. In future larger sample size is recommended to assess the Quality of life of cerebral palsy children.

**1.1 Background**

Health-related Quality of Life (HRQOL) has been defined to differentiate health from more general social and environmental issues (Eiser, et al., 2000). HRQOL is especially relevant to conditions that are chronic and disabling such as cerebral palsy (CP) (Davis, et al.,2010).

In recent years there has been increasing interest in measuring the quality of life (QOL) of children with CP (Bjornson and McLaughlin, 2001). Health-related quality of life (HRQOL) is a subdomain of the more global construct of QOL, including domains such as physical, mental and social well-being (Waters, et al., 2005).

LAQ-CP questionnaire evaluates the impact of disability in children with CP and their families. It has 46 items, organized into six dimensions: physical independence, mobility, clinical burden, schooling, economic burden, and social integration (Waters, et al.,2007).Based on scores in each item, dimensional scores and a final standard score, known as Lifestyle Assessment Score (LAS) is obtained. These are expressed as a percentage score. Cerebral palsy (CP) describes a group of disorders of movement and posture that are attributed to non-progressive disturbances in the developing brain. Movement and posture problems in CP include walking and balance, gross and fine motor control, and muscle spasticity; These problems may lead to impairments in physical fitness and physical activity levels in persons with CP; Reduced physical fitness and physical activity can interact to cause a cycle of de-conditioning: low physical fitness might result in high physical strain during activities of daily living (ADL), possibly leading to a reduction in activity and consequently,

further decreasing physical fitness. Moreover, physical fitness is known to contribute to health and quality of life of persons with chronic conditions (Nooijen, et al,2014).

Cerebral palsy is one of the most common congenital disorders and there are three types of CP; spastic cerebral palsy, causes stiffness and movement difficulties, athetoid cerebral palsy, leads to involuntary and uncontrolled movements, and ataxic cerebral palsy, causes a problem with balance and depth perception (Carlson, et al., 2010).

Cerebral Palsy (CP) defines a group of conditions, arising from an injury to the developing brain and occurs in 2.0 children per 1000 live births; In addition to the disturbances of movement and posture including spasticity, muscle weakness and reduced coordination, common impairments of children with CP include disturbances of sensation, perception, cognition, communication, behavior, epilepsy, and secondary musculoskeletal problems; Reduced activity levels and participation restrictions due to these impairments may lead to a reduced quality of life (QOL), compared to their typically developing peers (Carlson, et al, 2010).

Cerebral palsy is the most common condition that is responsible for the child disability. The calculation based on estimations and forecasts of the U.S. Bureau of the census, International data base indicate that in 2010 the number of patients with the infantile cerebral palsy (ICP) were increase to 17340000 people in the world (williams, et al., 2010). CP affects approximately two to three in 1000 live births in the United States and is the leading cause of motor disability in children. The motor variations are usually accompanied by disorders in perception, cognition, communication and/or behaviors and/or seizures (Rosenbaum, et al., 2007) .

According to statistics population with cerebral palsy in USA exceeded 75000. Currently there are more than 10000 new cases occur each year. In developed

countries, International assessments propose that CP affects between 1.2 and 3.0 per 1000 children (Hustad, et al., 2012). The incidence of CP is considered to be 2 to 2.5 in 1000 live births and the prevalence of CP in the developing countries tends to be in a similar range (Bialik & Givon, 2009). In one study found that prevalence of cerebral palsy in Bangladesh was 6.1/1000 children (Tabib, 2009). Bangladesh has recently seen an increase in the number of children diagnosed with cerebral palsy. According to disability profile, the client assess in the Shishu Bikash Clinic (Rural Centre) during January to December 2009 showed a report of child disability were 42% of total disability was cerebral palsy, among these spastic cerebral palsy is 9%, Athetoid cerebral palsy is 2%, Ataxic cerebral palsy is 3% and rest of the patient is other type of cerebral palsy (Khan & Rahman, 2009).

Gage's study stated that cerebral palsy is primarily characterized by central nervous system abnormalities, such as loss of selective motor control and abnormal muscle tone. As a result of growth these primary characteristics often lead to secondary deficits, including bony deformities, muscle contractures and gait abnormalities and among all type of cerebral palsy spastic cerebral palsy is the most common type of cerebral palsy (Behrman, 2004).

Sunder (2010) had described that cerebral palsy is not a single or any illness. The disability of CP persistent and caused by a non progressive brain lesion arising before, during or after birth, during the period of brain development. CP is a disorder of movement and posture that is caused by a non progressive brain lesion that occurs in uterus during or shortly after birth and is expressed through variable impairments in the co-ordination of muscles action and sensation. Damage of one or more parts of the brain affect the ability to control muscles in CP. Symptoms range from mild to severe

but the condition does not get worse with the Child's age (Cerebral Palsy statistics, 2010).

QoL is a broad evaluation of human function in a variety of domains. The internationally accepted definition of QoL, as defined by the World Health Organization Quality of Life (WHOQOL) Group, is the individual's perception of his or her position in life in the context of the culture and value systems in which he or she lives in relation to goals, expectations, standards and concerns (WHO). HRQoL is a part of QoL. It is the patients' own evaluation of functioning in the physical, psychological and social domains. Compared with QoL, HRQoL is measured using fewer domains. Hence, evaluation of HRQoL is not as extensive as the assessment of QoL (Hamming and Veries, 2007).

HRQOL is considered a multidimensional construct that embraces several domains of physical and psychological well-being (Davis, et al., 2009). Several studies have used parent's reports to assess HRQOL in pediatric population with CP (Riquelme, et al., 2011). Nevertheless, little is known about health professionals' estimations of pain and HRQOL in children with CP, despite its importance on treatment choices, patient-doctor relationship, and psychosocial status management during healthcare-related procedures (Tuzun , et al.,2010) .

As diseases have different effects on an individual's life, the definition of the term "health" becomes complex, considering the several aspects concerning life in society. Therefore, to classify health as good, bad or fair is primarily a way to define QOL, as it derives from the social class status, relations at work, food, housing, basic sanitation, healthy environment, access to education, transport, leisure, health services, in short, everything that concerns life (Barbosa, et al., 2010). Children with cerebral palsy have even lower physical activity levels than their typically developing

peers. Low levels of physical activity, and thus an increased risk for related chronic diseases, are associated with deficits in health-related physical fitness (Robson, 2014). About the quality of life assessment, the school domain of children with CP was shown to be affected; that occurred because the disease required continuous monitoring, which resulted in frequent absent when the child required medical care, an aspect that affects the student's performance in class. For children with chronic diseases, who live between the reality of school and hospitalizations, the challenge is to conciliate these two worlds, which directly affects QOL (Hollanda and Collet, 2012).

Health-related Quality of Life refers to a set of attributes that may influence health because they are associated with an increased risk of chronic diseases related to low levels of physical activity. The health-related QOL components that have to be studied the most for children with cerebral palsy are cardiorespiratory endurance, muscle strength and anaerobic fitness (Williams, et al., 2010).

The functional independence levels and the quality of life of children with cerebral palsy and the life quality of parents have gained increased importance in recent years. In general, HRQoL measures aim to provide a more complete picture of the individual that is complementary to specific functional assessments, which is the traditional focus of clinicians (Dickinson, et al., 2006).

## **1.2 Rationale**

The incidence of cerebral palsy worldwide is between 2 to 2.5 cases per 1,000 births (Marron, et al., 2013) and gives burden on parents both physically and psychologically. Cerebral palsy is a chronic condition that has serious consequences for physical, cognitive and behavior functioning. In recent years there has been increasing interest in measuring the quality of life of children with cerebral palsy.

Cerebral palsy is neurodevelopment condition, is the common “physical” disability in childhood and severely affects a child's development. It is a neurological disorder and the prevalence of this disorder is increasing day by day. Due to their challenging behavior and interest those child need always high supervision and care-giving. It is important to conduct the study because it will provide a better awareness about the impact on the mother or carer’s life of having a cerebral palsy child. This awareness is very necessary to understand their problems and their needs. It will also help therapists to provide effective family education to mother and career by increasing their knowledge about cerebral palsy and changing their attitudes towards CP. Quality of life is not only concept of illness, functional status, mental health and comfort but also parental impact and family functioning. The aim of the study is to find out the quality of life of children with cerebral palsy, factors that influence it and how it compares with quality of life of the general population. This study will be helpful for physiotherapist to make awareness about children with cerebral palsy. Physiotherapy plays a vital role to develop the quality of life of cerebral palsy child. It will also help other health professionals such as social workers, counselors, and Psychiatrists on this topic. So it will be also helpful for physiotherapist to work in this area for delivering treatment.



### **1.3 Operational definition**

#### **Cerebral palsy**

Cerebral Palsy is defined as a group of non-progressive, but often changing, motor impairment syndromes secondary to lesions or anomalies of the brain arising in the early stages of its development.

#### **Quality of life**

The general wellbeing of individuals and societies.

#### **Health**

According to WHO "A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely an absence of disease or infirmity".

#### **Physical health**

Physical health means a good body health which is a healthy because of regular physical activity, good nutrition and adequate rest.

#### **Mental function**

Mental function is terms often used interchangeably for the entire thing that individuals can do with their minds.

#### **Social function**

Any public gathering, like a party or school graduation.

#### **1.4 Research question**

What is the health related quality of life of children with cerebral palsy?

## **1.5 Objectives**

### **1.5.1 General objective**

To determine the health related quality of life of children with cerebral palsy.

### **1.5.2 Specific objectives**

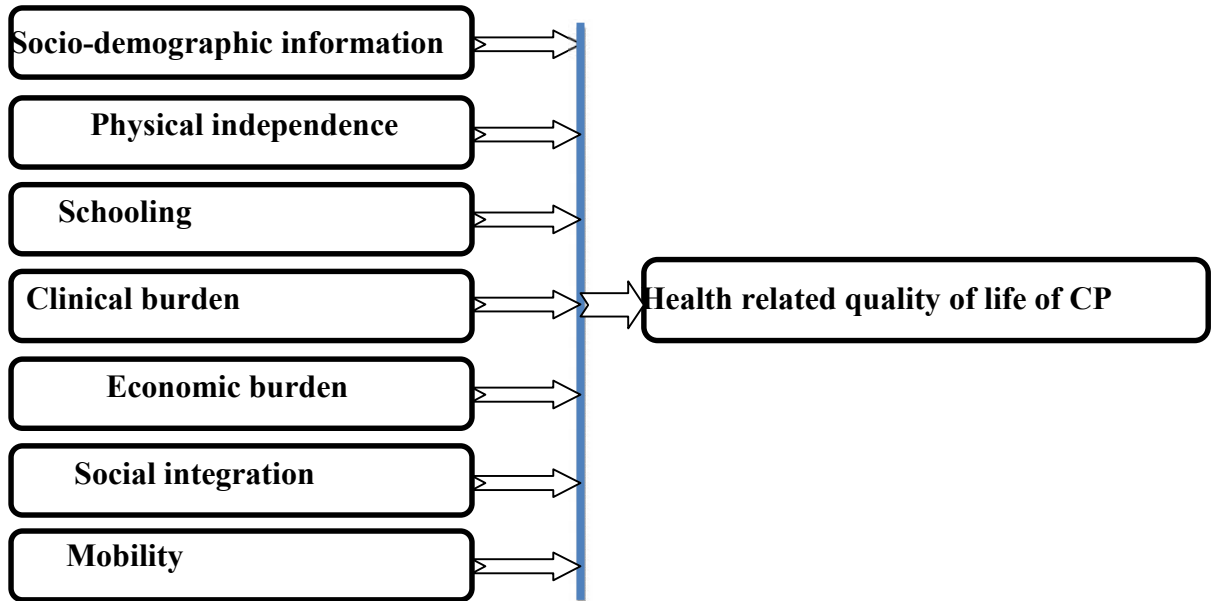
- To explore the socio-demographic (age, gender, residential area) information.
- To find out the level of physical independence.
- To identify the level of mobility.
- To assess the level of clinical burden.
- To identify the level of economic burden.
- To determine the ability to manage schooling.
- To assess the social integration.

## 1.6 List of variable

### Conceptual Framework

#### Independent variables

#### Dependent variable



Cerebral palsy is one of the most common chronic disabling conditions of childhood (Karaduman, et al., 2010). However, in a study by McCarthy, et al. (2002) described that disabilities affect significantly on the children's independence; and consequently on the lives of their caregivers. Traditional clinical researches are therefore not suitable to measure the impact of disability in cerebral palsy; which are better measured with other tools for example health status or quality of life (McCarthy, et al., 2002; Bjornson and McLaughlin, 2001).

Moreover, Bjornson and McLaughlin (2001) stated that measurement of QOL in children lags behind that of adults; In addition very few of these measurement are appropriate for children with developmental disabilities. Cerebral palsy can have a tremendous impact on the child's capacity to carry out activities of daily living (ADL); hence the impact on the QOL of the child and also his family. Various theoretical models of disability and chronic illness have been developed specifically for children with disabilities especially for children with cerebral palsy (Bjornson and McLaughlin, 2001).

McLaughlin and Bjornson (2001) evaluated in their research and stated that the common challenge faced by researchers in the field of cerebral palsy is the inability of most children to communicate themselves thus, the need to rely on the caregiver for information regarding this aspect of health care.

Cerebral palsy is the most common neuro developmental motor disability in children. The condition requires medical, educational, social, and rehabilitative resources

throughout the lifespan (Hussain, et al., 2012). Amin et al. (2015) stated cerebral palsy (CP) describes a group of permanent disorders of the development of movement and posture, causing activity limitations that are attributed to non-progressive disturbances that occurred in the developing fetal or infant brain.

About 70 to 80% of cerebral palsy cases are acquired prenatally with unknown causes and birth complications including asphyxia which are currently estimated to account for about 6 % of patients with congenital cerebral palsy, on the other hand neonatal risk factors for cerebral palsy include first cousin marriage birth after fewer than 32 weeks gestation, birth weight of less than 5 lb with intrauterine growth retardation, intracranial hemorrhage and trauma and about 10 to 20% patients (Chen, et al., 2013) ; Pre-eclampsia affects 3-5% of pregnant women and is characterized by maternal hypertension and proteinuria occurring after 20 weeks of gestation (Melheim, et al., 2013). There is no definite cause of cerebral palsy rather some risk factors contribute to the development of CP during prenatal, natal or postnatal period (Tella, et al., 2013).

Mandal (2013) stated that Cerebral palsy is a neurological disorder the signs or symptoms of cerebral palsy may appear soon after birth or may take several months.

However, the most common early sign of cerebral palsy is developmental delay. Delay in reaching key growth milestones such as rolling over, sitting, crawling and walking are cause for concern. Physicians will also look for signs such as abnormal muscle tone, unusual posture, persistent infant reflexes and early development of hand preference (My child, 2013). Common signs of severe CP that may be noticed shortly after birth include: problems sucking and swallowing, weak or shrill cry, seizures and unusual positions. Often the body is either very relaxed or floppy or very stiff. In some severe cases many signs and symptoms are not readily visible at birth except

and may appear within the first three to five years of life as the brain and child developed (My child, 2013). Severe motor and coordination impairment also occur (Mandal, 2013). Drooling is another but common symptom among children with CP. Children has movement and postural disorder associated with many disabilities such as- including intellectual disability, hearing and visual deficits, nutrition, feeding and swallowing problems, respiratory infections and epilepsy. Cerebral palsy suffers for long term and it affect activities of daily living and quality of life (Bell, et al., 2010). Iannelli (2008) mentioned the symptoms of cerebral palsy in his article that the symptoms include: excessive drooling, difficulty swallowing, sucking or speaking, tremors, and trouble with fine motor skills such as fastening buttons or holding a pencil, stiff or tight muscles, low muscle tone, exaggerated reflexes, uncontrolled body movement, toe walking, limping or dragging a foot while walking, walking with a scissor gait, turning in their legs as they walk. Children with cerebral palsy can also have feeding problems, mental retardation, seizures, learning disabilities and problems with their vision and hearing. The symptoms don't worsen with age but symptoms can range from mild to severe.

In Cerebral palsy, the Signs can appear during several stages of early life. They include: neonatal early Infancy (0-3 Months): high pitched cry, poor neck control, excessive lethargy or irritability, weak suck or tongue thrust or tonic bite, oral hypersensitivity, decreased interest in surroundings, stiff or floppy posture, abnormal or prolonged reflexes. Later infancy-inability to perform motor skills control of hand grasp by 3 months, rolling over by 5 months and independent sitting by 7 months. Abnormal developmental patterns: hand preference by 12 months, excessive arching of back, prolonged or abnormal parachute response, and logrolling. Abnormal developmental patterns after 1 year of age: W sitting means both knee flexion, legs

extremely rotation, bottom shuffling means scoots along the floor, tiptoe walking or hopping (Gershon, et al., 2013).

On the other hand, a study on child self-report found that there is only a weak correlation between level of functioning and quality of life, and the authors of this study suggested that children with disabilities adapt to their disability. Because they do not know any other physical state in life, they often rate their quality of life as good. This is known as the disability paradox, a phenomenon in which those with disabilities can have a good quality of life with a proper understanding of their disability and strong social support and relationships (Shelly, et al., 2008). Comparisons of health-related quality of life and overall quality of life and a discussion of the factors influencing quality of life will be addressed, as well as factors that can be taken into consideration while providing health care as a medical professional. It is important for health care providers to understand the child's view of his or her quality of life in order to provide individualized and appropriate care (Davis, et al., 2011; Maher, et al., 2008).

Most of the people have belief that children with cerebral palsy often rate their quality of life as similar to that of children without a physical disability. As noted, in years past, quality of life was associated with the degree of a child's functioning. According to one study, there has been a recent change in the perception of quality of life, which was once thought to be more connected to physical functioning than wellbeing, as it is today (Davis, et al., 2008). The study goes on to assert that the correlation between functioning and psychosocial health is of little consequence (Davis, et al., 2008).

A different study confirmed these results by finding that the perception of quality of life in children with cerebral palsy shows very few differences in self-concept and no differences in self-esteem in comparison to the ratings of children without cerebral



palsy (Russo, et al., 2008). Of course, this finding does not always appear to be true. A different study discovered that the relationship between degree of functioning and health-related quality of life was notable and influenced greatly by degree of physical activity (Maher, et al., 2008).

Another group of researchers found that only certain spheres of quality of life were impacted by physical functioning, namely physical participation and health and feelings about disability. Emotional and social quality of life were less notably linked to degree of functioning (as has been already argued) (Shelly, et al., 2008).

Understandably, there are differences between the questionnaires used in these various studies, which may be causing the differences in results. All studies addressed quality of life, though varied in focus between comprehensive well-being and degree of functioning. This would seem to suggest that although certain domains of emotional, as well as social, quality of life can be unaffected by disability, quality of life related to feelings about limitations and reduced physical participation is impacted by degree of functioning, as one would think. Regardless, it is important to evaluate each child individually to determine his or her degree of coping and specific quality of life. The main factor influencing health-related quality of life that will be discussed is the pain, which one might think would be a commonly addressed issue. In a study on children with mild hemiplegic cerebral palsy (hemiplegic referring to decreased motor functioning on the side of the body controlled by the affected hemisphere), researchers found that almost half of the children interviewed (out of 107 children with an average age of 9 years old) experienced a chronic, aching pain, usually on the palsy-affected side of their body. Massage and rest were found to be the most commonly used methods of relief. However, researchers questioned why analgesics

were not used more often, and suggested that this become a more prominent care consideration in the medical field (Russo, et al., 2008).

Another study found that while not always statistically significant, there was a lower reported quality of life in participants who had pain in the week prior to taking the survey (pain was also associated with lower self-appreciation) (Dickenson, et al., 2007).

In order for a child's pain to be better controlled, this study suggested that parents need education regarding the nature of the pain their child is experiencing and the methods for reducing the pain, including the appropriate use of analgesics, such as acetaminophen. As shown, pain is not just present in children with severe cerebral palsy, but in children with mild cerebral palsy as well. There is currently research indicating that pain is not well controlled in the adult population with cerebral palsy, and it appears that this is true for the pediatric population as well (Bjornson, et al., 2008). It is especially important nurses take this into consideration when caring for a child with cerebral palsy, whether in the hospital or clinic setting, and take measures to ensure adequate treatment of pain for this population in order to improve their quality of life. The presence, characteristics, and quality of the pain these children are experiencing should also be assessed more frequently by parents as well to counter it more effectively, and this should be a teaching point that healthcare providers address. A possible cause suggested for the inadequate treatment of pain was that children and parents believed this was simply part of life with cerebral palsy. Increased patient and parent education concerning this belief and the reason for treatment of pain needs to be a care priority (Bjornson, et al., 2008; Dickenson, et al., 2007; Russo, et al., 2008).

Assessing the child's quality of life, understanding their goals and feelings, and also seeking the parents' input on the child's well-being will help the healthcare provider know how best to plan care interventions that are appropriate and individualized (Dickenson, et al., 2007; Vinson, et al., 2010).

Health Related Quality Of Life is an important outcome of medical treatment and has been defined as the functional effect of an illness and its consequent therapy on a patient, as perceived by that patient. In children, health related quality of life includes not only concepts of illness, functional status, mental health, and comfort, but also parental impact and family functioning. Despite the prevalence of CP, researchers are just beginning to understand the ways in which having CP can impact a child's health status and quality of life.<sup>4-7</sup> Although several researchers have reported decreased HRQOL in children with CP, few studies have specifically addressed HRQOL across the full spectrum of children in this population. Prior studies<sup>4-6</sup> have included a limited range of severity of illness or ages or did not use generic outcome measures to permit comparison (Vargus, et al., 2005).

Caspersen, et al. (2010) defined several health-related components of physical fitness, including cardiopulmonary fitness, muscle strength and body composition. In addition, lipid profile is an important objective indicator for the risk of cardiovascular disease. We found 7 previous studies describing health-related physical fitness components in young adults with CP (12–18). Most of these studies focus on only one component, e.g. cardiopulmonary fitness, muscle strength or body composition. To our knowledge there has been no study of young adults with CP.

Furthermore, the sample sizes in the previous studies were small (range 5–19), and the study groups were heterogeneous with regard to level of motor functioning. Moreover, most of the studies were old with 4 of the 7 studies being over 20 years

old. The approach to paediatric rehabilitation has changed and developed over the years, and this may have influenced current physical fitness levels in young with CP. The goal of the present study was therefore to describe in detail the health-related physical fitness of spastic CP aged (Nooijen, et al.,2014).

Chronic illnesses have been shown to have negative impact on the quality of life in adult populations, but with little focus on children, especially those from developing countries. A study that reveals the impact of chronic illness on the quality of life of children is important, as it will provide information to enable better management of this part of the population. In children, health-related quality of life includes not only concepts of illness, functional status, mental health and comfort, but also parental impact and family functioning. Despite the wide-spread prevalence of cerebral palsy, researchers are just beginning to focus on its impact on children's health status and quality of life (Kennes, 2009). There are increasing data from the Western countries, with less focus on the developing countries where there could be less sophisticated gynaecological and paediatric care (Tella, et al.,2011).

The specific factors influencing the well-being of both young children and adolescents with cerebral palsy will now be discussed. Younger children with cerebral palsy tend to self-report a higher quality of life than adolescents with the same physical disability. This higher quality of life rating can be in part explained through the disability paradox, in which individuals with a disability can report a good quality of life because their disability is all that they have ever known and they have come to accept it. This is especially true in children with strong relationships with family and friends (Shelly, et al.,2008). Although this phenomenon can certainly be true in adolescents as well, due to their increased awareness of self and peers, they may begin

to struggle more with acceptance of the disability while in their teen years (Bjornson, et al., 2008).

Interestingly, in a study comparing the self-generated domains relating to quality of life for children ages 6-12 with and without cerebral palsy, the domain pertaining to physical health and needs was identified as influential more often in children without a disability than in children with cerebral palsy. Similarly, the domain of physical activity was identified as significant more often by children with cerebral palsy than by children with typical development. This finding suggests that children tend to take certain spheres of their quality of life, such as physical functioning, for granted, leading to differences in perceived importance among various domains (Vinson, et al, 2010). For younger children, their disability was found to be unrelated to their level of quality of life in six categories pertaining to finances, self-perception, social and psychological well-being, school atmosphere, and social acceptance (Dickenson, et al., 2009).

Their quality of life was found to affect physical and emotional well-being and relationships with parents when the disability caused trouble walking, cognitive impairment, and speech difficulty respectively (Dickenson, et al., 2009).

Vinson, et al., (2010) mentioned that there was no strong relationship between emotional health and the degree of impairment, which would seem to suggest that children with cerebral palsy should be treated with the same considerations in this area as children without physical disabilities. Although overall quality of life may not be strongly correlated to degree of functioning, according to the Livingston et al. study, studies have shown that health-related quality of life is lower in those with decreased motor functioning.

Kennes, (2002) stated that chronic illnesses have been shown to have negative impact on the quality of life in adult populations, but with little focus on children, especially those from developing countries. A study that reveals the impact of chronic illness on the quality of life of children is important, as it will provide information to enable better management of this part of the population. In children, health-related quality of life includes not only concepts of illness, functional status, mental health and comfort, but also parental impact and family functioning. Despite the wide-spread prevalence of cerebral palsy, researchers are just beginning to focus on its impact on children's health status and quality of life.

**3.1 Study Design:**

Quantitative research design focuses on descriptive study. Jack and Norman (2007) suggested that; Quantitative data are obtained when the variable being studied is measured along a scale that indicates how much of the variable is present. Quantitative data are reported in terms of scores. Higher scores indicate that more of the variable (Such as weight, academic ability, self-esteem, or interest in mathematics) is present than do lower scores. Descriptive studies are those data that can describe, organize, and summarize data.

A cross sectional survey collects information from a sample that has been drawn from a predetermined population (Jack and Norman, 2007). The study was conducted through cross sectional study design that represents the whole population of Children with cerebral palsy. Levin (2006) stated that Cross-sectional studies are carried out at one time point or over a short period.

This study was conducted using cross sectional prospective survey under a quantitative study design. Cross sectional study design was chosen to meet the study aim as an effective way to collect data.

**3.2 Study site:**

Data was collected from the outdoor and indoor Paediatric physiotherapy unit of the centre for the rehabilitation of the paralysed.

**3.3 Study duration**

Time schedule for thesis work, Six Months from February 2016 to August 2016.

### 3.4 Study Population:

Children with Cerebral Palsy.

### 3.5 Sample size:

Sample a group of subjects was selected from population, who are used in a piece of research. A sample is a smaller group taken from the population. Sometimes the sample size may be big and sometimes it may be small, depending on the population and the characteristics of the study.

The equation of sample size calculation are given below

$$n = \left\{ \frac{Z \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)}{d} \right\}^2 \times pq$$

Here,

$$Z \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) = 1.96$$

p= Prevalence of cerebral palsy in Bangladesh= 6.1%= 0.061 (Tabib, 2009)

$$q = 1 - p$$

$$= 1 - 0.061$$

$$= 0.939$$

$$d = 0.05$$

The actual sample size for this study was calculated as 353, but as the study performed as a part of academic research project and there were some limitation, so that 100 cerebral palsy children was taken as the sample of this study from Paediatric unit at CRP, Savar.



### 3.6 Inclusion criteria:

- 1.Children with a diagnosis of cerebral palsy.
- 2.Age range between 3-12 years.
3. Both boys and girls are included (Dobhal et al,2014).
4. Receiving regular (at least 1 visit for 1 week) physical therapy/occupational therapy.

### 3.7 Exclusion criteria:

- 1.Non-availability of the primary caregiver.
- 2.Presence of other chronic illnesses not typically associated with cerebral palsy.
- 3.Families having another child with cerebral palsy, autism or intellectual disability(Dobhal et al,2014).
4. Severe spasticity according to Modified Ashworth scale among Cp are excluded.

#### Modified Ashworth Scale for grading Spasticity

Grade	Description
0	No increase in muscle tone
1	Slight increase in muscle tone, manifested by a catch or release or minimal resistance at the end of the ROM when the affected part is moved in flexion or extension
1+	Slight increase in muscle tone, manifested by a catch or release or minimal resistance throughout remainder ( less than half) of the ROM
2	More marked increase in muscle in muscle tone through most of the ROM, but affected part is easily moved
3	Considerable increase in muscle tone, passive movement difficult
4	Affected part is rigid in flexion and extension

### **3.8 Sampling technique:**

The study was conducted by using the purposive sampling methods due to the time limitation and as it was one of the easiest, cheapest and quicker method of sample selection. The researcher used this procedure, because getting of those samples whose criteria would concerned with the study purpose.

### **3.9 Data Collection procedure**

#### **3.9.1 Data collection instrument**

A structured Life Assessment Questionnaire (LAQ) and demographic information chart was using as a data collection instrument. In that time some other necessary materials were used like pen, pencil, and white paper and clip board. The English questionnaires was converted into Bengali to ask the participants during interviews. Researchers have taken permission from each volunteer participant by using a written consent form in Bengali & English.

#### **Life Assessment Questionnaire**

LAQ-CP questionnaire evaluates the impact of disability in children with CP and their families. It has 46 items, organized into six dimensions: physical independence, mobility, clinical burden, schooling, economic burden, and social integration. Based on scores in each item, dimensional scores and a final standard score, known as Lifestyle Assessment Score (LAS) is obtained. These are expressed as a percent age score.

The LAQ-CP is a 46 items questionnaire, organized into 6 dimensions through the application of multi-dimensional scaling. Dimensions are named to reflect elements of the International Classification of Impairment, Disabilities and Handicaps (Wood, 2009).

The resulting dimensional structure identified six groups of items, which are named by ourselves to reflect elements of the ICIDH classification system. The dimensions are 'clinical burden' (reflecting the increased burden to the family of the need for numerous contacts with professionals/services) emerges as a major dimension within the structure. The ICIDH dimensions of 'occupation' and 'economic self-sufficiency' are represented by dimensions named 'schooling' and 'economic burden'. The other dimensions are 'Physical independence', 'Mobility', 'Social integration'. It must be stressed that the LAQ-CP is only validated as a descriptive/discriminative tool. It is able to discern variations between individual children at a given point in time.

### **3.9.2 Procedure of data collection**

At very beginning researcher clarified that the participant had the right to refuse the answer of any question during completing questionnaire. They can withdraw from the study at any time. Researcher also clarifies to all participants about the aim of the study. Participants were ensuring that any personal information was not be published anywhere. Researcher took permission from each volunteer participant by using a written consent form. After getting consent from the participants, standard questionnaire was using to identify the complaint and collect demographic information. Questions were asking according to the Bangla format.

For conducting the interview, the researcher conducts a face to face interview and was asking questions. Physical environment was consider strictly. Stimuli that can distract interviewee was removed to ensure adequate attention of interview. Interviewee was ask questions alone as much as possible with consent as sometimes close relatives can guide answer for them. The researcher built report and clarified questions during the interview. Face to face interviews were the most effective way to get full cooperation of the participant in a survey (Fraenkel & Wallen 2009, p. 436). Face to face

interviews were also effective to describe characteristics of a population. Face to face interview was used to find specific data which describes the population descriptively during discussion. According to the participants understanding level, sometimes the questions were described in the native language so that the patients can understand the questions perfectly and answer accurately. All the data were collected by the researcher own to avoid the errors.

### **3.10 Data analysis**

Descriptive statistics were used to analyze data. Descriptive statistics refers methods of describing a set of results in terms of their most interesting characteristics (Hicks 2009, p. 284). Data was analyzed with the software named Statistical Package for the Social Science (SPSS) version 16.0. The variables were labeled in a list and the researcher established a computer based data definition record file that consist of a list of variables in order. The researcher put the name of the variables in the variable view of SPSS and defined the types, values, decimal, label alignment and measurement level of data. The next step was cleaning new data files to check the inputted data set to ensure that all data has been accurately transcribed from the questionnaire sheet to the SPSS data view. Then the raw data was ready for analysis in SPSS. Data was analyzed by descriptive statistics and calculated as percentages and presented by using table, bar graph, pie charts etc. Microsoft office Excel 2010 was used to decorating the bar graph and pie charts. The result of this study was consisted of quantitative data. By this study a lot of information was collected.

### **3.11 Ethical Consideration**

The whole process of this research project was done by following the Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) guidelines and World Health Organization (WHO) Research guidelines. The proposal of the dissertation including methodology

was presented to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI). Again before the beginning of the data collection, researcher has obtained the permission from the concerned authorities ensuring the safety of the participants. The researcher strictly maintained the confidentiality regarding participant's condition and treatments. The researcher obtained consent to participate from every subject. A signed informed consent form was received from each participant. The participants had informed that they have the right to meet with outdoor doctor if they think that the treatments were not enough to control condition or if the condition became worsen. The rigorous manner was maintained to conduct study. The study was conducted in a clean and systematic way. During data collection it was ensured that participants were not influenced by data collector.

The researcher was obtaining consent to participate from every subject. A signed informed consent form was received from each participant. The participants were informed that they have the right to meet with outdoor doctor if they think that the treatment is not enough to control the condition or if the conditions become worsen. The participants was informed that they are completely free to decline answering any question during the study and are free to withdraw their consent and terminate participation at any time. Withdrawal of participation from the study will not affect their treatment in the physiotherapy department and they still will get the same facilities. Every subject has the opportunity to discuss their problem with the senior authority or administration of CRP and have any questioned answer to their satisfaction.

### Socio-demographic Information

An exploratory data analysis was conducted among 100 children to have a preliminary idea about the trends of data. The mean age of the respondents was 7.8 years with a standard deviation of 2.93 (table 1). Majority of the respondents (52%) were 8 to 12 years old followed by 3 to 8 years old (48%).

**Table-1 Characteristics of children age**

**Total, N=100**

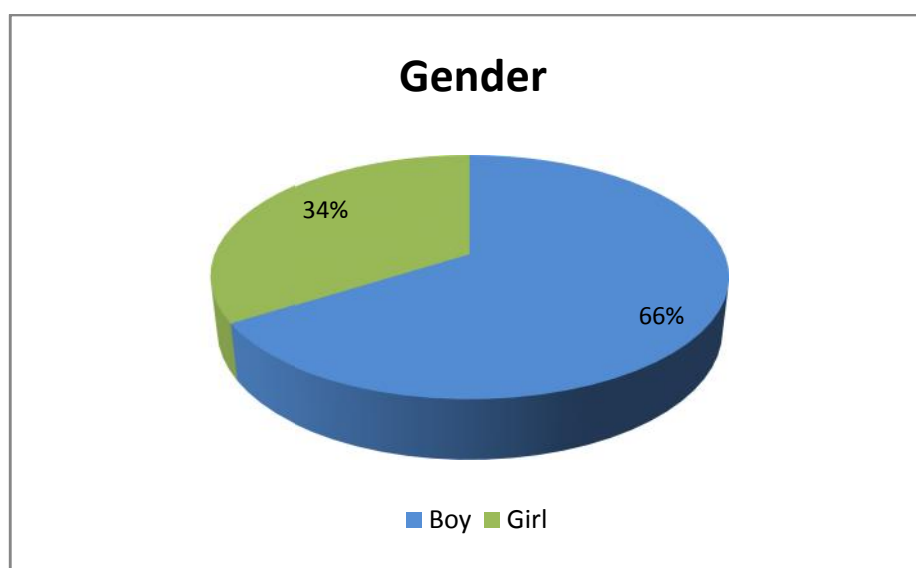
Age (mean  $\pm$  SD) 7.8 $\pm$ 2.93

3-8 Years 48 (48%)

8-12 Years 52 (52%)

#### 4.1 Children gender

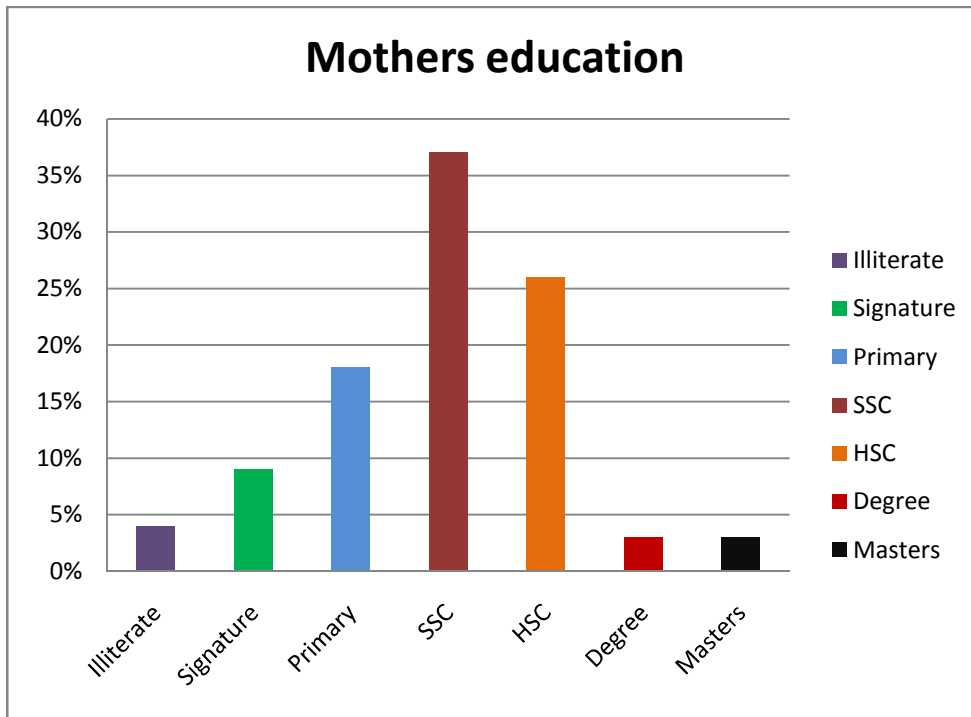
Children in the study were aged between 3 to 12. Analysis shows that among this 66% boys and 34% girls.



**Fig-1: Gender**

## 4.2 Mothers education

Participants number 100. After completing analysis the results shows that 37% children's mother education level SSC, 26% are HSC completed, 18% primary, 9% Signature, 4% Illiterate, 3% Degree, 3% Masters Level.



**Fig-2: Mothers educational level**

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**Table-2: Life Assessment Questionnaire**

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<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Mean score</b>
Mobility	2.37 (1- 3.44)
Schooling	2.15 (.33-3.67)
Physical Independence	1.84 (.50-3.75)
Social Integration	1.78 (.75-3.13)
Economic burden	1.46 (.14-2.86)
Clinical burden	1.34 (.27-2.55)

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According to analysis the mean score of mobility was 2.37. That means highest number of 2.37 children affected in mobility. Mobility includes opening door, picking an object, carrying a drink, number of rooms, children entered unassisted, getting in and out of car, longer outing excluding school. For those activities maximum children had needed maximum to moderate assistance. The minimum to maximum range was (1-3.44). The mean score of schooling was 2.15. That means 2.15 children affected in schooling. Schooling includes type of school, time of attendance, distance between home and school. For those activities children had needed maximum to moderate assistance. The minimum to maximum range was (.33-3.67). Analysis shows that the mean score of physical independence is 1.84. That means 1.84 children moderately affected in physical independence. It includes cleaning hand, eating bowl of food, buttoning, putting shirt, toileting, climbing stair, need help at night and need lift. For those activities children had needed moderate to minimum support. Minimum to maximum range was (.50-3.75). The mean score of social integration 1.78 means 1.78 children are affected in social integration. It includes friends meet, helpful family, supportive and understanding neighbor, family restriction, organizing holiday. For



those activities child needed minimum to moderate assistance. Minimum to maximum range was (.75-3.13). Mean score of economic burden 1.46 means 1.46 children are affected in economic burden. It includes special food, money spent in home modification, help from organization, and job change for children. For these activities children had needed moderate to minimum help. The mean score 1.34 of clinical burden means 1.34 children affected in clinical burden. It includes number of consulting doctor, number of taking medicine, duration of staying hospital, number of occurring operation, need of special equipment or plasters. For those activities children needed moderate to minimum help.

According to LAQ after completing analysis over 100 children we found that the value of clinical burden is 144.86. It is the lowest number than other dimensions. So it focused that in this section children required minimum support to complete their task. After giving minimum support children can perform activities. The value is gradually increases in other dimensions according to severity. Economic burden is 144.86, Social integration is 172, Physical independence is 181.92, Schooling is 222, Mobility is 236.11. It is clear that the highest value is 236 in Mobility. In this section children need maximum support to do their task.

As mobility is the highest value so for the analysis value the result was divided into two categories by age that is 3-7 is group A another is 8-12 that is group B. After doing analysis it was shown that the mean value of group A is 2.55 and group B is 2.2. It indicates group A is more affected than group B that means 3-7 years children were more affected than 8-12 years in mobility.

In Physical independence the mean value of group A is 1.8 and group B is 1.65 that means 3-7 years children (group-A) were more affected than 7-12 years old children(Group-B) in physical independence. In Clinical burden the mean value of

group A is 1.49 and group B is 1.28 that means 3-7 years children(group-A) were more affected than 7-12 years old (group-B). In Schooling the mean value of group A is 1.72 and group B is 2.35 that means 7-12 years children(group-B) were more affected than 3-7 years children(group-A) in schooling. In economic burden the mean value of group A is 1.39 and group B is 1.49 that means 7-12 years children (group-B) were more affected than 3-7 years children (group-A) in economic burden. In social integration the mean value of group A is 1.75 and group B is 1.61 that means 3-7 years children(group-A) were more affected than 7-12 years children (group-B) in economic burden.

The study was planned to see the quality of life of cerebral palsy children among 3-12 years. After analysis shows that most of the children under this study maximum age was 12 and minimum age was 7. Mother's age is important for child birth. Because under 17 and over 30 years mothers are high risk for abnormal baby birth. In this study maximum mothers age are 17-20. Diseases after birth like Jaundice, Pneumonia, Dehydration and Seizure are important for children birth. Over this study most of the children suffered from dehydration, Pneumonia, Jaundice, Seizure after birth which are responsible for CP child birth. Most of the children have occurred birth injury and birth asphyxia during birth. These are basic points to analyze the CP child birth which is related to this study. After analysis the quality of a CP child most of them are affected in Mobility like opening door, carrying a drink, walking unassisted, picking an object. In those activities most of the children need assistance that means they do not complete these by moderate or without assistance.

Same as schooling children also affected more like type of school, duration of school attendance, distance between home and school in those activities children do not complete daily task without support. Moderate support is needed for them. One of the important topics is physical independence that includes duration of consulting doctor, time of staying hospital, number of supportive device or plaster, number of operation, consulting physiotherapist or psychiatrist which are primary point to measure a CP child quality of life. After completing this study it indicates that most of the children completed their daily physical activities by moderate to minimum support. In the present study, HRQOL was moderately to severely affect in two-third of children with CP, and their families. The physical independence, mobility and social integration

dimensions of HRQOL were much more severely affected than the clinical burden, economic burden and schooling dimensions (Singhi, 2010). Social integration, clinical burden, economic burden also important for quality of life measurement. But in this study children need minimum to moderate support for accomplish these activities. A study from Malaysia (Yee and Wong, 2009) using the same questionnaire reported good HRQOL in the majority, and only 11.1% having severely-affected HRQOL. The better QOL in this study could have been due to difference in severity, psychosocial factors and availability of the health care services. Other studies done worldwide show that HRQOL is adversely affected in children with CP.

A large cohort of children with CP was stratified into 5 levels of severity, and a clear relation between severity of CP and HRQOL was shown. Most of the effects were related to physical functioning issues and impact on the parents or caregivers. Psychosocial HRQOL was better than physical HRQOL. The relations among increasing number of medical problems, severity of CP, and reduced HRQOL were not surprising. A significant brain insult resulting in severe symptoms of CP is also likely to cause other medical issues, such as mental retardation or seizures (Adams and Jones, 2005).

In the studied group of parents of children with cerebral palsy, less than half described their quality of life as good and 40% as "neither good nor bad". In the group of parents of CP children, nearly  $\frac{1}{4}$  described their quality of life is not so good.

In the analyzed group of parents of children with cerebral palsy, less than half were satisfied with their own health,  $\frac{1}{4}$  stated that they are "neither satisfied nor dissatisfied", and most of them were dissatisfied. Approximately very few of the parents.

Comparing the psychological domain of parents of children with cerebral palsy and parents of healthy children, the biggest differences were in the assessment of enjoyment of life, the meaning of life, acceptance of physical appearance and experience of negative feelings. Minor differences between the two groups can be observed in the ability to concentrate and the feeling of satisfaction with self.

The appearance of a disabled child usually becomes a factor that disrupts the hitherto functioning of the family. Hence, the first reactions of parents after a disability diagnosis express their confusion, despair, and irrational hopes. The dominating reactions are sense of injustice, resentment against fate, blaming each other, and searching for a negation of the diagnosis or methods for quick elimination of the disease. Children with disabilities require continuous visits to specialist clinics, often long hours of rehabilitation exercises, and specialist consultations.

In the studied group, the most numerous group consisted of parents of children that walk with limitations, using an orthopedic device and a rehabilitation wheelchair. An analysis of the study results revealed that the quality of life of parents of children with cerebral palsy was significantly lower compared with the group of parents of healthy children. Physical health functioning, mental state, social relationships, and environment were significantly higher in the group of parents of healthy children. Comparing the data from the study, the largest differences occur in parents of children with cerebral palsy in the environment domain,  $p=0.0068$ , and the psychological domain,  $p=0.010$ . Our results are consistent with the findings of other authors (Okurowska, et al., 2011).

Studies have shown that the severity of cognitive and communication ability increases the difficulty for a child to express his/her feelings. In this study, the severity of CP

and communication ability had a greatest negative impact on the physical symptoms and functional limitations domains.

This study was carried out to evaluate the Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQoL) of children with cerebral palsy. It evaluated variables that impact health status and quality of life, and determine the severity of motor disability in children with cerebral palsy. The higher incidence of cerebral palsy among males in this study shows that more male children are susceptible to non-progressive injury to the brain at infancy. This result corroborates those of previous studies, that male children have higher incidence of cerebral palsy (Johnson, 2002). The fact that the number of reported medical problems and deformities were higher in children with more severe cerebral palsy shows that the prevalence of common medical problems increase with an increasing severity of motor disability. This has also been previously observed (Adams, 2005). The significant association between severity of cerebral palsy and physical disability shows that severity of disability is associated with poorer general health and physical disability. This finding is in agreement with several previous studies which concluded that the health-related quality of life of children with cerebral palsy has an interdependent relationship with their functional status (Wake, et al., 2003; Adams, 2005).

The influence of severity of cerebral palsy on health-related quality of life among children with cerebral palsy might be due to the subject's physical condition interfering with their personal and social activities. This may indicate limitations in school work, social activities, and friendships. This observation is in agreement with the report of some previous authors, that there is significant association between social activity and severity of cerebral palsy among children with cerebral palsy (Wake et al, 2003; Adams, 2005).

## **5.1 Limitation**

Time and resources were limited which have a great deal of impact on the study and affect the result of the study to generalize for wider population.

The small sample size may constitute a limitation as to the general ability of findings from this study.

LAQ-CP has limitations of not addressing some of the domains of QOL, as it specifically measures the impact of disability on the life of children with cerebral palsy and their families.

Being a single-center study, and including a uniform population of children receiving regular therapy, findings may not be representative of the general population.

Our study relied on parental report, due to lack of a self-report version of the questionnaire; accurate measurement of HRQOL may have been compromised.

### **6.1 Conclusion**

To conclude, HRQOL is significantly affected in majority of children with cerebral palsy. Measurement of HRQOL should be used with other forms of assessment, to indicate areas in which a person is most affected and help the practitioner in making appropriate decisions for patient care.

Although the diagnosis of cerebral palsy can have devastating effects on a family as a whole, the quality of life of the family members can be high if the proper support and perspective, coping strategies, and individualized family care are present.

The present finding indicates that cerebral palsy has a negative impact on health status and quality of life of children with cerebral palsy, as reported by the respondent parents. Children with cerebral palsy have a reduced HRQoL, and the degree to which it is reduced is directly related to the age and severity of the cerebral palsy. Increasing age and severity of the cerebral palsy have a negative impact on physical function, social role/behavior, parenting impact (time/emotion), children's health and their psychosocial function.

### **6.2 Recommendation**

In future larger sample size is recommended to assess the Quality of life of cerebral palsy children.

Children, if able, should give a report of their own quality of life, sharing the activities they would like to participate in and the nature of their pain so that appropriate care can be given.



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## APPENDIX

### Permission Letter

October 01, 2016  
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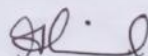
Subject: Regarding permission to collect data from Paediatric unit to conduct a research project.  
Through: Course Coordinator, MSc in Physiotherapy Program.

Sir,

It is your kind attention that Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI) - an academic institute of CRP, has been conducting M.Sc. in Physiotherapy under faculty of Medicine of University of Dhaka (DU) since 2013. My thesis entitled "Health related quality of life of children with cerebral palsy among 3-12 years old" under my honorable supervisor Dr. Kamal Ahmed, Associate Professor, Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI). The purpose of study is to identify possible health related quality of life of children with cerebral palsy. It is a cross sectional research study. Data collection will require the patients and a small space of your reputed paediatric unit and will occur for six weeks from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016. Data collectors will receive informed consents from all participants. Any data collected will be kept confidential. Ethical approval is received from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Bangladesh Health Professions Institute. Now, I have to collect data from Paediatric unit for which I want to take your kind approval. I assure that anything of my study will not be harmful for the participants.

I therefore, pray and hope that you would be kind enough to grant my application and give me permission for data collection from the Paediatric unit and oblige thereby.

Yours faithfully



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Subject: Approval of the thesis proposal – “Health related quality of life of children with cerebral palsy among 3-12 years old.” by ethics committee.

Dear Mohammad Mohinul Islam,

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) of BHPI has reviewed and discussed your application on September 01, 2016 to conduct the above mentioned thesis, with yourself, as the Principal investigator. The Following documents have been reviewed and approved:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Documents</b>
1	Thesis Proposal
2	Questionnaire (English and Bengali version)
3	Information sheet & consent form.

Since the study involves answering a questionnaire that takes 15 to 20 minutes, have no likelihood of any harm to the participants and have possibility of benefit patients in their cerebral palsy management and rehabilitation from the information of their quality of life behavior, the members of the Ethics committee has approved the study to be conducted in the presented form at the meeting held at 08:30 AM on September 25, 2016 at BHPI.

The institutional Ethics committee expects to be informed about the progress of the study, any changes occurring in the course of the study, any revision in the protocol and patient information or informed consent and ask to be provided a copy of the final report. This Ethics committee is working accordance to Nuremberg Code 1947, World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki, 1964 - 2013 and other applicable regulation.

Best regards,

Mohammad Millat Hossain

Senior lecturer & Course coordinator of MSc in Rehabilitation Science

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## Consent Form

Assalamualaikum,

I am Mohammad Mohinul Islam, M.Sc. in Physiotherapy student, Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI) under the Faculty of Medicine, University of Dhaka. To obtain my masters degree, I have to conduct a research project and it is a part of my study. My research title is “ **Health related quality of life of children with cerebral palsy among 3-12 years old**” To fulfill my research project, I need to some information from you to collect data. So, you can be a respected participant of this research and the conversation time will be 20-30 minutes. I would like to inform you that this is a purely academic study and will not to be used for any other purposes. I assure that all data will be kept confidential. Your participation will be voluntary. You may have the rights to withdraw consent and discontinue participation at any time of the study. You also have the right to reject a particular question that you don't like.

If you have any query about the study, you may contact with researcher Mohammad Mohinul Islam or my supervisor Dr. Kamal Ahmed, Associate professor, Department of health service management, BHPI, CRP, Savar, Dhaka-1343.

Do you have any questions before start this session?

So, can i proceed with the interview?

Yes      No

Signature of the mother/caregiver and Date .....

Signature of the witness and Date .....

Signature of the researcher and Date .....

## Questionnaire English

### Title-Health related quality of life of children with cerebral palsy among 3-12 years old.

Respondent Name:

Date of the interview:

Mobile no:

Patient ID:

Children's Age:

Father's Age:

Mother's Age:

Child diagnosed by:

#### Part-1: Socio Demographic Information

Question Number	Questions/ Information on	Coding Category
1.1	Sex	Male=1 Female=2
1.2	Mother's Educational level	Illiterate=1,Literate=2,Primary=3,SSC=4,HSC=5, Graduation=6, Masters and Above=7
1.3	Have you got cousin marriage?	Yes=1, No=2
1.4	What was your age during birth of this child?	18-22 year=1;22-26 year=2;26-30 year=3; 30-35 year=4
1.5	What was your area of living?	Urban=1; Rural=2
1.6	After birth child have the child was get any diseases?	Jaundice=1,Pneumonia=2 Epilepsy=3,Dehydration=4 Seizure=5,Not at all=6
1.7	After birth child have any	Birth injury=1,Birth asphyxia=2

## Part-2: Health related quality of life of cerebral palsy children

### Life Assessment Questionnaire-English

1. Within the last year how many times have you been consulting a doctor about your child except school doctor or family? (Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. 0            b. 1            c. 2-5            d. 6-12            e. 13+

2. Within the last year has your child stayed at hospital for any duration? (Please point out the total amount of duration that you have spent in form of week)

- a. 0            b. below 1            c. 1-3            d. 4-26            e. 27+

3. Within the last year how many operations have been done of your child? (Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. 0            b. 1            c. 3            d. 4+

4. Within the last year was there any plaster in your child's leg, hand or any part of the body? (Please point out the total amount of duration that you have spent in form of week)

- a. 0            b. below 6            c. 7-11            d. 12-17            e. 18+

5. Within the last year has your child had to put on (bear) some form of support for leg or any other part of body? (Please point out the total amount of duration that you have spent in form of week)

- a. 0            b. 1            c. 2            d. 3            e. 4+

6. Last day how many tablets, pills & doses medicine did your child takes? (Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. 0            b. 1-4            c. 5-8            d. 9-12            e. 13+

7. Recently did your child take any special food for any reason? (Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. Yes            b. No

8. Within the last year how many times have your child fainted or lost memory?(Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. Have not fainted for a single time
- b. Fainted for a single time per month.
- c. Fainted for night on day in most of the week .
- d. Often frequently fainted with the specific time.

9. Within the last year have you been consulting any expert about your child for his /her behavioral problem? (Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. Yes
- b. No

10. Within the last Year how many times have you been consulting any therapist about your child?(Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2-12
- d. 13 -52
- e. 53+

11. Recently which facility ration money has taken your child that given below?

(Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. Facility from health visitor
- b. Facility from family help
- c. Facility from Social worker
- d. Facility from society nurse
- e. Charitable facility
- f. living ration for unable .
- g. Continuous ration.

12. How many kinds of particular tools have your child at home which is necessary for now or any time?(Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. 0
- b. 1-3
- c. 4-7
- d. 8-10
- e. 11+

13. Within the last year how much money has spent by your family for your child to buy these particular tools or take care?(Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. 102.43- 10243                                      b. 10345.43- 20186
- c. 20588.43 - 30729                                      d. 30431.43+

14. Within the last year without buying this particular tools how much excess money has your family spent which is not filled by donation ration money?(Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. 102.43- 10243                      b. 10345.43 - 20186                      c. 20588.43- 30729                      d.30431.43+

15. Within the last year was there any modification has done at your child’s present home?(Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. Yes                      b. No

16. Please point out how many modifications have arranged or thought as necessary?(Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. 0      b. 1-3                      c. 4-7                      d. 8-10                      e.11+

17. Please tick in one place for every work mentioned below which point out generally how much you help your child to do that work, for every work mentioned below:

	<u>No help given</u>	<u>some help care given</u>	<u>has to be done for him</u>
Cleaning hand	-	-	-
Eating a bowl of food	-	-	-
Putting on a vest/T-shirt	-	-	-
Doing up buttons or buckles	-	-	-
Getting out of bed	-	-	-



Getting out of bath	-	-	-
Going to the toilet	-	-	-
Opening doors	-	-	-
Taking up an object from The floor	-	-	-
Carrying a drink the distance Of a room	-	-	-

18. Last time while you spent a full day with your child how many times did you need to lift him?

19. Last week during night how many times did your child need help?(Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. 0      b. 1-3      c. 4-7      d. 8-10      e. 11+

20. Please make a list in which area your child needed help in a normal day.

21. (a) how many rooms are in your child home (without halls & balcony)?

(b) Last week how many times your child entered into this?

(c) How many of these your child entered into without help?

22. Does your child need any help to enter or leave from home? (Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. Yes      b. No

23. Last week how many distance your child went out without help?(Please circle one of the points given below)

- a. 0      b. 1-100 yard      c. 101 -440 yard      d. ¼ -1/2 mole      e. 1/2 + miles

24. Last week how many times your child went out by himself/herself? (Please circle one of the points given below)

a.0      b.1-7      c.8-13      d.14-20      e.21+

25. Last week without nursery/school how many times your child have done long journey by any types of vehicle?(Please circle one of the points given below)

a.0      b.1-3      c.4-7      d.8-10      e.11+

26. At present which type of nursery/school your child is giving attention?

-None

-Pre-school (e.g. nursery, playgroup etc.)

-Special-preschool

-Infant/primary without special support

-Infant/primary with special support

-Special school: physical disability

-Special school: Learning difficulties

-Home teaching (including carry charge)

-Others (please specify).....

27. How many days your child attend school?(Please circle one of the points given below)

a.Part-time      b.Daily      c.Weekly      d.Boarding      e.Full time boarding

28. How much time takes your child to travel from home to school?(Please circle one of the points given below)

a.0-15 minutes      b.16-30 minute      c.31-45 minutes      d.46 minutes-1hour      e.1 hour+

29. Last week without school time how many friends your child has met?(Please circle one of the points given below)

a.0      b.1-3      c.4-7      d.8-10      e.11+

30. Do you have any local friends or family who can help you whenever you need?(Please circle one of the points given below)

a.Yes      b.No

31. Do you think your local people are generally helpful and know about your child?(Please circle one of the points given below)

a.Yes      b.No      c.Sometimes

32. Do you think your child somehow interrupt your social life?(Please circle one of the points given below)

a.Yes      b.No      c.Sometimes

33. Do you feel any problems because of your child while spending family vacation?(Please circle one of the points given below)

a.Yes      b.No

34. Your child stays with whom? (Please tick over the one that are given below)

- Stay with birth parents
- Stay with one birth parent
- Stay with neither birth parents(grandparents, foster parents, adoptive parents)

35. Please describe, did any of your family member need to change job to make easy to look after your child?(Please circle one of the points given below)

36. As a parent/care giver do you think your child create extra pressure?(Please circle one of the points given below)

a.Never      b.Slight      c.Severe

37. Do you think your child create any extra pressure over other member of your family?(Please circle one of the points given below)

a.No other children      b.None      c.Slight      d.Severe

Thank you for your time and answering these questions. If you have any opinion please you can tell.

## সম্মতি পত্র

আসসালামুআলাইকুম,

আমি মুহাম্মাদ মহিনুল ইসলাম, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের চিকিৎসা অনুষদের অধিভুক্ত বাংলাদেশ হেলথ প্রফেশনস ইন্সটিটিউট এর এম.এস.সি ইন ফিজিওথেরাপি কোর্সের চূড়ান্ত বর্ষের একজন শিক্ষার্থী। আমার মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রী প্রাপ্তির জন্য আমার একটি গবেষণা পরিকল্পনা পরিচালনা করতে হবে এবং এটা আমার পড়াশোনার একটি অংশ। আমার গবেষণা প্রকল্পটি হচ্ছে **“সেরিব্রাল পালসি শিশুদের স্বাস্থ্য সম্পর্কিত জীবন মান ৩-১২ বছরের মধ্যে”**। আমার গবেষণা প্রকল্পটি পূরণে আমার কিছু তথ্য সংগ্রহ করা প্রয়োজন। সুতরাং এই গবেষণার জন্য অংশগ্রহণকারীর সম্মতি প্রয়োজন এবং তথ্য সংগ্রহের জন্য গবেষক অংশগ্রহণকারীর কাছ থেকে ২০-৩০ মিনিট সময় নিবেন। আমি আপনাকে অবহিত করছি যে, এটি একটি একাডেমিক গবেষণা এবং অন্য কোন উদ্দেশ্য ব্যবহার করা হবে না। আমি আশ্বস্ত করতে চাই যে, সব তথ্য গোপন রাখা হবে। অংশগ্রহণকারী যে কোন মুহূর্তে সম্মতি প্রত্যাহার করতে পারেন। এ ছাড়াও আপনি যে প্রশ্নটি পছন্দ করেন না সেটির উত্তর না দেওয়ার অধিকার আছে।

শুরু করার আগে আপনার কি কোন প্রশ্ন আছে?

সুতরাং, আমরা কি ইন্টারভিউর দিকে এগিয়ে যেতে পারি?

হ্যাঁ

না

অংশগ্রহণকারীর (মা/রক্ষনাবেক্ষক) স্বাক্ষর ও তারিখ.....

সাক্ষীর স্বাক্ষর ও তারিখ .....

ঠিকানা .....

গবেষকের স্বাক্ষর ও তারিখ .....

মোবাইল নং .....

তথ্য সংগ্রহকারীর স্বাক্ষর ও তারিখ .....

## প্রশ্নাবলী-বাংলা

শিরোনাম: “সেবিত্রাল পালসি শিশুদের স্বাস্থ্য সম্পর্কিত জীবন মান ৩-১২ বছরের মধ্যে”.

শিশুর নাম:

সাক্ষাতের তারিখ:

আই ডি:

শিশুর বয়স:

শিশুর বাবার বয়স:

শিশুর মায়ের বয়স:

রোগ সনাক্তকারি, শিশু ডাক্তার:

### পর্ব-১ : সামাজিক-বৈষয়িক তথ্যাবলী

প্রশ্ন নং	প্রশ্ন	উত্তর এবং কোড
১.১	লিঙ্গ:	ছেলে=১ মেয়ে=২
১.২	মায়ের শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা-	নিরক্ষর=১, স্বাক্ষরজ্ঞান=২, প্রাইমারি=৩, এস এস সি=৪, এইচ এস সি=৫, ডিগ্রী=৬, মাস্টার্স=৭
১.৩	আপনার কি আত্মীয়ের মধ্যে বিয়ে হয়েছে?	হ্যাঁ=১ না=২
১.৪	আপনার বয়স কতছিল এই বাচ্চা জন্মের সময়?	১৮-২২ বছর =১; ২৩- ২৬ বছর =২ ২৭- ৩০ বছর = ৩ ; ৩১ -৩৫ বছর=৪
১.৫	আপনি কোথায় বাস করেন ?	গ্রাম = ১ শহরে = ২
১.৬	জন্মের পর কি শিশু কোন রোগে আক্রান্ত হয়েছিল?	জন্ডিস=১ নিউমনিয়া=২ থিচুনী=৩ পানি শূন্যতা=৪ কোনটি না=৫
১.৭	জন্মের সময় কি আপনার শিশুর কিছু ছিল?	জন্মগত আঘাত=১ জন্মের পর অক্সিজেন এর ঘাটতি=২

LAQ-প্রশ্নাবলী

১। গত বছরের মধ্যে কতবার আপনার সন্তানকে বিদ্যালয়ের ডাক্তার অথবা পারিবারিক ডাক্তার ছাড়া অন্য কোন ডাক্তার দেখিয়েছেন? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০                      খ. ১                      গ. ২-৫                      ঘ. ৬-১২                      ঙ. ১৩+

২। গত বছরের মধ্যে কি আপনার সন্তানকে যে কোন সময়ের জন্য হাসপাতালে থাকতে হয়েছিল? অনুগ্রহপূর্বক হাসপাতালে ব্যবহৃত সময়ের একটি সামগ্রিক হিসাব সপ্তাহের হিসাব আকারে নির্দেশ করুন। (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০                      খ. ১ এর কম                      গ. ১-৩                      ঘ. ৪-২৬                      ঙ. ২৭+

৩। গত বছরের মধ্যে কতবার আপনার সন্তানের অপারেশান সম্পন্ন হয়েছিল? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০                      খ. ১                      গ. ২                      ঘ. ৩                      ঙ. ৪+

৪। গত বছরের মধ্যে আপনার সন্তানের পা, হাত অথবা তার শরীরের কোন অংশে কি প্লাস্টার ছিল? অনুগ্রহপূর্বক প্লাস্টারকৃত অবস্থায় আপনার শিশুকে ঠিক কতদিন ব্যয় করতে হয়েছিল তার একটি সামগ্রিক হিসাব সপ্তাহের হিসাব আকারে নির্দেশ করুন। (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০                      খ. ৬ এর কম                      গ. ৭-১১                      ঘ. ১২-১৭                      ঙ. ১৮ +

৫। গত বছরের মধ্যে আপনার সন্তানকে কি শরীর অথবা পা সহায়ক কিছু পরিধান করতে হয়েছিল? অনুগ্রহপূর্বক পরিধান কৃত সময়ের সামগ্রিক হিসাব সপ্তাহের হিসাব আকারে নির্দেশ করুন। (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০                      খ. ১-১৬                      গ. ১৭-৩২                      ঘ. ৩৩-৫১                      ঙ. ৫২+

৬। গতকাল আপনার সন্তান কতগুলো ট্যাবলেট, বড়ী, অথবা ঔষধের মাত্রা নিয়েছিল? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)





খ. পারিবারিক সাহায্য।

গ. সামাজিক কর্মী থেকে সাহায্য।

ঘ. আঞ্চলিক সেবিকা হতে সাহায্য।

ঙ. স্বেচ্ছাকৃত সুযোগসুবিধা।

চ. অক্ষমতায় জীবনধারণের ভাতা।

ছ. চলমান ভাতা ।

১২। আপনার সন্তানের জন্য বাড়িতে কত ধরনের বিশেষ উপকরণ আছে যা বর্তমানে অথবা কখনো অপরিহার্য হয়েছে? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০      খ. ১-৩      গ. ৪-৭      ঘ. ৮-১০      ঙ. ১১+

১৩। গত বছরের মধ্যে আপনার সন্তানের জন্য এমন বিশেষ উপকরণ ক্রয় এবং রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ করতে পরিবারের আর্থিক কি খরচ হয়েছে? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০

খ . ১০২.৪৩ -১০২৪৩

গ. ১০৩৪৫.৪৩ -২০১৮৬

ঘ. ২০৫৮৮.৪৩ - ৩০৭২৯

ঙ. ৩০৮৩১.৪৩ +

১৪। গত বছরে আপনার পরিবারের বিশেষ উপকরণ ক্রয় ছাড়া অতিরিক্ত কি পরিমাণ আর্থিক খরচ হয়েছিল যেটা অনুদান এবং ভাতা দ্বারা পূরণ হয়নি । (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০

খ. ১০২.৪৩ -১০২৪৩

গ. ১০৩৪৫.৪৩ - ২০১৮৬

ঘ. ২০৫৮৮.৪৩ - ৩০৭২৯

ঙ. ৩০৮৩১.৪৩ +

১৫। গত বছরে আপনার সন্তানের জন্য আপনার সন্তানের বর্তমান বাড়িতে কোন কিছু কি পরিবর্তন করতে হয়েছে?

ক. হ্যাঁ

খ. না

যদি হ্যাঁ হয়, কতগুলো পরিবর্তন করা হয়েছে..... (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ১-৩

খ. ৪-৭

গ. ৮-১০

ঘ. ১১+

১৬। অনুগ্রহপূর্বক নির্দেশ করুন কতগুলো পরিবর্তনের পরিকল্পনা করা হয়েছে অথবা প্রয়োজনীয় হিসেবে ধরা হয়েছে? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০

খ. ১-৩

গ. ৪-৭

ঘ. ৮-১০

ঙ. ১১+

১৭। নিম্ন উল্লেখিত প্রত্যেকটি কর্মকাণ্ডের জন্য দয়া করে একটি জায়গায় টিক চিহ্ন দিন যেটা নির্দেশ করে আপনার শিশুর কাজটি সম্পন্ন করতে সাধারণত আপনি কি পরিমাণ সাহায্য করেন

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কোন সাহায্য দেওয়া

কিছু সাহায্য

তার জন্য

করে

হয় নি

করা হয়েছে

দেওয়া

হয়েছে

হাত ধোয়া -

এক বাটি খাবার খাওয়া -

কাপড় পরিধান -

বোতাম অথবা ফিতা লাগানো -

বিছানা থেকে ওঠা -

গোসলে বের হওয়া -

টয়লেটে যাওয়া -

সিঁড়ি বেয়ে ওঠা -

গাড়িতে ঢোকা এবং বের হওয়া -

দরজা খোলা -

মেঝে থেকে একটা জিনিস নেওয়া -

ঘরের দুরত্বে কোন পানীয় বহন করা -

১৮। শেষবার একটি পুরোদিন আপনার সন্তানের সাথে থাকা অবস্থায়, কত বার তাকে কোলে নিতে হয়েছিল?

১৯। গত সপ্তাহের মধ্যে রাতের বেলা আপনার সন্তানের কতবার সাহায্যের দরকার হয়েছিল?  
(দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০

খ. ১-৩

গ. ৪-৭

ঘ. ৮-১০

ঙ. ১১+

২০। অনুগ্রহপূর্বক তালিকা করুন যেখানে একটি সাধারণ দিনের কাজে আপনার শিশুর আর কোন জায়গায় সাহায্যের প্রয়োজন হয় ?

২১। ক) আপনার শিশুর বসবাসের জায়গায় কতগুলো ঘর আছে? (বড় ঘর এবং বারান্দা ছাড়া )

খ) গতসপ্তাহে কতবার আপনার শিশু ওগুলোতে গিয়েছিল ?

গ) এর মধ্যে কতগুলোতে আপনার শিশু সাহায্য ছাড়া প্রবেশ করেছিল?

২২। আপনার শিশুর কি সাধারণত ঘরে ঢুকতে এবং বের হতে সাহায্যের প্রয়োজন হয়? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. হ্যাঁ                      খ. না

২৩। গতসপ্তাহে আপনার সন্তান সাহায্য ছাড়া কতটুকু দূরত্বে বাহিরে গিয়েছিল? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০                      খ . ১-১০০ গজ                      গ . ১০১- ৪৪০ গজ                      ঘ. ১/৪ - ১/২ মাইল

ঙ. ১/২ + মাইল

২৪। গতসপ্তাহে কতবার আপনার শিশু নিজে নিজে ঘরের বাহিরে গিয়েছিল? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০                      খ. ১-৭                      গ. ৮-১৩                      ঘ. ১৪ -২০                      ঙ. ২১+

২৫। শিশুশালা/বিদ্যালয় যাওয়া ব্যতীত আপনার শিশু গতসপ্তাহে কতবার দীর্ঘ সময় বাহিরে ভ্রমণ এ গিয়েছিল যেখানে কিছু ধরনের যানবাহনের প্রয়োজন হয়েছিল? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

ক. ০                      খ. ১-৩                      গ. ৪-৭                      ঘ. ৮-১০                      ঙ. ১১+

২৬। আপনার সন্তান বর্তমানে কোন ধরনের শিশুশালা/বিদ্যালয়ে মনোযোগ দিচ্ছে? (দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন)

- কোনটি না

- প্রাক বিদ্যালয় ( উদাহরণ - শিশুশালা , খেলাধুলা শ্রেণী ইত্যাদি )
- বিশেষ প্রাক বিদ্যালয়
- শিশু/প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয়ের বিশেষ সাহায্য ব্যতীত
- শিশু/প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয়ের বিশেষ সাহায্যে
- বিশেষ বিদ্যালয়( শারীরিক অক্ষমতা)
- ,, ,, ,, ( শিক্ষা অসুবিধা)
- বাড়ির শিক্ষা ( বহনমূল্য সহ)
- অন্যান্য ( দয়া করে নির্দিষ্ট করুন) .....

২৭। আপনার শিশু কতদিন বিদ্যালয়ে অংশগ্রহণ করে? ( দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন )

ক. খন্ডকালীন      খ. প্রতিদিন      গ. সাপ্তাহিক      ঘ. আবাসিক      ঙ. পূর্ণকালীন  
আবাসিক

২৮। আপনার শিশুর বাড়ি থেকে বিদ্যালয়ে যাতায়াত করতে আনুমানিক কত সময় লাগে?  
( দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন )

ক. ০-১৫ মিনিট      খ. ১৬-৩০ মিনিট      গ. ৩১-৪৫ মিনিট      ঘ. ৪৬- ১ ঘন্টা  
ঙ. ১ ঘন্টা+

২৯। গত সপ্তাহে বিদ্যালয়ের সময়ের বাহিরে আপনার শিশুর কত জন বন্ধুবান্ধব এর সাথে  
দেখা হয়েছে? ( দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন )

ক. ০      খ. ১-৩      গ. ৪-৭      ঘ. ৮-১০      ঙ. ১১ +

৩০। আপনার কি স্থানীয় কোন পরিবার অথবা বন্ধুবান্ধব আছে যারা আপনাকে যখন  
প্রয়োজন হয় সাহায্য করতে পারে? ( দয়া করে উল্লেখিত একটিতে গোল করুন )

ক. হ্যাঁ      খ. না



ধন্যবাদ, এই প্রশ্নগুলোর যথাযথ উত্তর দিতে সহায়তা করার জন্য এবং মূল্যবান সময় দেওয়ার জন্য । অনুগ্রহপূর্বক এ সম্পর্কে আপনার মতামত স্বাধীনভাবে প্রকাশ করুন ।

## APPENDIX 3

### SCORING PROCEDURE

Use the scored questionnaire with the Scoring Form to complete this procedure.

Create a **raw score** by summing the scores for the questions pertaining to each dimension as follows:

Physical independence	Questions	17(i),17(ii),17(iii),17(iv), 17(v),17(vi),17(vii), 17(viii),17(ix),18,19,20
Clinical burden	Questions	1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12
Mobility	Questions	17(x - xli), 21ACCESS 1, 21ACCESS 3,22,23,24,25
Economic burden	Questions	7,13,14,15,16,35
Social integration	Questions	29,30,31,32,33,34,36,37
Schooling	Questions	26&27,28

Convert this into a **dimensional score** out of 100, which is comparable between dimensions, by multiplying the raw score for each dimension by the appropriate dimension constant:

Physical independence	2.0834
Mobility	3.5714
Clinical burden	2.2728
Schooling	12.500
Economic burden	4.1667
Social integration	3.1250

Create the overall Lifestyle Assessment Score (LAS) by using the weighted additive model:

$$J = \beta_1 n_1 + \beta_2 n_2 + \beta_3 n_3 + \beta_4 n_4 + \beta_5 n_5 + \beta_6 n_6 + C,$$

where:

- $J$  = LAS
- $\beta$  = weighting applied to each dimensional score
- $n$  = dimensional score
- $C$  = constant term = 4.05

by using the following weightings with each dimensional score:

Physical independence	0.357
Mobility	0.270
Clinical burden	0.033
Schooling	0.016
Economic burden	0.082
Social integration	0.224

Multiply each dimensional score by its weighting, to create a **weighted score**. Summate the weighted scores and the constant term  $C$  to arrive at the LAS.