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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The first liver transplant in humans was performed in 1963 in Denver Colorado (Starzl et al., 1963).

After this breakthrough, other centers undertook to provide liver transplant surgery for the treatment of end-stage liver disease. However, in the 1970's the short survival of transplant recipients led to a moratorium on liver transplantation as a broadly available therapy (Fox & Swazey, 1978). During this general moratorium, two centers continued to explore liver transplantation as an experimental therapy for end-stage liver disease, one center at Denver, Colorado, and one center at Cambridge, England (Calne, 1978).

In the early 1980s better surgical techniques, immunosuppressive drug therapy, and better preservation of donor organs improved the survival of liver transplant recipients. In 1983, at the Consensus Development Conference of the National Institute of Health, liver transplantation was no longer designated as an experimental procedure for the treatment of liver disease (Schmid, 1983). Today, liver transplantation is widely available for the treatment of broad categories of liver disease, including parenchymal and

cholestatic diseases, inborn errors of metabolism, and tumors (Starzl, Demetris & Van Thiel, 1989).

The Task Force for Organ Transplantation (1986) estimated that 40 per 1,000,000 people each year in the United States would be affected by liver disease treatable by liver transplantation. In 1990, 2,656 liver transplants were performed in the United States, an increase of 492 transplants over 1989 (UNOS, 1991). With the cumulative increase in the number of survivors, and recognition of the high costs of liver transplantation, the focus of concern has shifted from survival alone to the quality of life after transplantation.

The purpose of this study is to further our knowledge of quality of life as perceived by liver transplant recipients. To that end, their quality of life will be described, and the relationship of selected physical, psychological and social factors to that quality of life will be explored. To make comparisons with other groups more meaningful and to maximize reliability and validity, standardized measures are used throughout. It is hoped that clinicians and program planners will find the knowledge gained from this study useful for planning strategies

to enhance the quality of life of liver transplant recipients.

Review of the Literature

A review of the literature regarding life after liver transplantation indicates that some problems do indeed exist. Tarter et al. (1984) found that ten 3-year survivors of liver transplantation experienced disruption of normal activities. They also experienced psychiatric and social adjustment disturbances, although without disability, in the areas of anxiety, somatic concern, frustration, depression, worry, and social withdrawal. These same authors also found persistent cerebral dysfunction involving hand-to-eye ("visuopractic") coordination.

In a second study, Tarter, Erb, Biller, Switala and Van Thiel (1988) prospectively investigated the neuropsychiatric and psychosocial processes of 112 liver transplant recipients. The authors reported that the recipient's severity of stress was related to his/her health status at the time stress was measured. The spouse's stress was positively correlated with the daily stress of the transplant recipient. Normal daily activities were disrupted. Those who had more than one transplant experienced a less successful

rehabilitation. Problems included social dysfunction, depression, decreased physical activity, economic strain, and insomnia, this latter being positively correlated with anxiety. Persistent cognitive changes were identified in the areas of visuospatial and practic capacities, concentration, and memory. Even so, transplant recipients reported overall improvement relative to their pretransplant status.

In a third study, Tarter, Switala, Arria, Plail and Van Thiel (1991) compared the life quality of 53 liver transplant recipients before and after transplantation with that of a sample of healthy persons from the community. This study supported previous findings that life quality is significantly better after transplantation, but still not equal to that of normal control subjects. Thus, on the assumption that scores in the bottom quartile for the control group indicated impairment with regard to a specific area, it was estimated that 47% of the recipients were impaired in their social interaction and home management after liver transplant. With regard to their recreation, sleep, pastimes and rest, from 43% to 45% were deficient.

Similarly, in a preliminary report of their

prospective study, Kuchler, Kober, Brolsch, Henne-Bruns, and Kremer (1991) described improvement in the quality of life of 47 liver transplant recipients following their transplant. The researchers also reported that females adjusted better than males, but that both sexes experienced persistent anxiety.

Moreover, survival was greater among patients with greater social support and less preoperative depression.

Hicks, Larson and Ferrans (1992) used standardized measures to compare the quality of life, mood state and perception of impairment of 17 "short term" (two years or less since transplantation) and 18 "long term" (greater than two years since transplantation) liver transplant recipients. These researchers found significantly greater perception of impairment in the "long term" group using the Sickness Impact Profile (SIP). When compared with renal transplant recipients (SIP, M= 5.5%) this liver transplant population reported greater impairment (SIP, M= 7%) but less than heart transplant recipients (SIP, M= 9.6%). No differences were found between "short" and "long" term groups on the Profile of Mood States or a Quality of Life Index-Liver Transplant version.

Others have reported the experience of liver transplant recipients. Iwatsuki, Shaw, and Starzl (1985) assessed 31 of 33 five-year survivors who received transplants between 1963 and 1984 as "completely rehabilitated". Foley, Davis and Conway (1989) used Likert-type scales to measure the perceived symptom frequency and symptom distress related to both immunosuppressive therapy and transplantation in 45 liver transplant recipients. They also measured the direction and intensity of change in 23 life events to examine the side effects of immunosuppressive therapy. These investigators found that perceived symptom frequency was inversely related to quality of life as measured by two items about "perceived" quality of life and "satisfaction with" quality of life. Likewise, those who perceived negative life changes in the areas of relationships, physical, social and psychological functioning reported a poorer quality of life. Of the 45 transplant recipients, half reported a negative change in financial status. On the basis of their study the investigators stated that they do not believe that immunosuppressive therapy (the form of immunosuppressive therapy is not described in the report) affected the transplant recipients' perception

of quality of life.

Wolcott, Norquist and Busuttil (1989) used several health and psychosocial measures to assess medical, psychological, and social status in 41 liver transplant recipients at least 4 months post transplant. They reported high stress in financial matters and medical treatment. The investigators also noted that the "psychosocial measures showed that there was minimal mood disturbance, high self esteem, and positive life satisfaction except in work, career, and sexual activities" (p. 3565). The transplant recipients also reported little social interaction despite large social networks. Liver transplant recipients in their sample had a lower score on a standardized measure of well-being (Index of Well Being) than a comparison group of renal transplant recipients.

House, Dubovsky and Penn (1983) performed routine psychiatric evaluations on 34 liver transplant recipients, of whom 26 had also been evaluated prior to transplant. All 26 evaluated before transplant exhibited psychiatric problems, as did 34 evaluated after transplant. Both before and after transplant these problems consisted of both psychologic dysfunctions and organic brain syndromes and were more

severe than those exhibited by renal transplant patients.

Pennington (1989), who is himself a liver
transplant recipient and a physician, uses four
paradigm cases to describe life after liver
transplantation. Stressed in each of the cases was the
financial burden precipitated by the high cost of
medications, loss of job due to liver disease, and
inability to obtain a job after transplant. In two
cases the transplant recipient was considered
permanently disabled by both former and potential
employers. In two cases marital status affected access
to financial assistance. One of these couples chose to
divorce to relieve the financial burden. Pennington
concludes that although liver transplant recipients are
physically and mentally capable, economic and social
pressures exert great hardship after transplantation.

In summary, this review of the literature indicates that liver transplant recipients report that overall quality of life is better after than prior to transplant. Liver transplant recipients also report more psychosocial distress and disruption of daily activities than does a normal population. Some liver transplant recipients demonstrate persistent cognitive

deficits in the areas of coordination, concentration, and memory. Distress has been reported in the forms of anxiety, depression, somatic concern, frustration, insomnia, social isolation, sexual relationship disturbances, financial difficulty, and disruption of work and career. On measures of perceived impairment, mood states and quality of life, no statistical difference was described between transplant recipients less than two years and those greater than two years from transplantation. Finally, the experience after liver transplantation may be different for men than for women.

The research about life after liver transplantation is characterized by certain limitations. Samples are generated from populations of patients served by one, or at the most two, transplant programs. The samples in many instances are small. A variety of strategies have been used to assess quality of life and the variables thought to be associated with it. The predominant strategy has been to use quantitative instruments, only a few of which were standardized. Not always are the scores of patients reported with study results, making it difficult to

assess investigator claims regarding quality of life and other issues. The absence of scores also makes it difficult to incorporate the findings into clinical protocols or practice.

Conceptual Framework

Over the past three decades, many scholars have attempted the difficult task of defining and measuring the concept of "quality of life" (e.g., Andrews, 1986; Campbell, Converse, & Rodgers, 1976; Flanagan, 1978). Their efforts have indicated the complexity and multidimensionality of the concept. Generally, the term has been taken to refer not to "objective indicators" of an individual's condition, but to the individual's own subjective sense of well-being, happiness, and satisfaction with various aspects of life. From extensive qualitative research Flanagan (1978) identified the critical aspects of quality of life as; physical and material well-being, relationships with other people, social, community and civic activities, personal development and fulfillment, and recreation.

A 15-item instrument was developed by Flanagan (1982) based on these critical aspects of quality of life. Flanagan used this instrument to assess both the

importance to the individual of each aspect, as identified by the 15 items, and the individual's degree of satisfaction with that aspect, using 5-point rating scales. Flanagan's instrument (1982) was modified by Burckhardt, Woods, Schultz & Ziebarth (1989) and then psychometrically evaluated on a sample of patients with arthritis. Quality of life was rated on a 7-point scale for each item in the five domains of Flanagan's original scale (1982). It is Burckhardt's modification of Flanagan's instrument that is used in the present research to measure quality of life of liver transplant recipients.

Burckhardt (1985) has developed a conceptual model, derived from the cognitive framework advanced by Lazarus and Cohen (1976, cited in Burckhardt, 1985) to explain adaptive outcomes. Lazarus and Cohen theorized that inputs to the person (the physical environment, the social environment, demographic characteristics, and particular adaptive problems) are psychologically processed and cognitively appraised by the person. These inputs in interaction with the individual's internal psychological processes (individual internal operations) then result in "adaptive outcomes", which Burckhardt calls "quality of life." Burckhardt (1985)

found support for this model using path analysis in a sample of patients with arthritis.

In common with Lazarus and Cohen's theory,
Burckhardt's model conceives of the quality of life of
patients with arthritis as determined by a number of
physical, psychological and social factors. These
factors are separated into "inputs" and "mediators".

The "mediators" (perceived support, negative attitude,
self esteem, and internal locus of control) intervene
to mute, exacerbate or otherwise influence the impact
of the "input" factors (e.g., disease related factors,
and demographic and social factors) on the "outcome"
(i.e., quality of life).

The present research into the quality of life of liver transplant recipients employs Burckhardt's (1985) conceptual model. It also uses her measure of quality of life. However, the other measures are different. In this study the "inputs" include demographic characteristics, time since liver transplant, cognitive ability, problems of daily living, and a rating of global performance. The psychological processes of the individual is represented by a multidimensional measure of psychological disturbance, and is considered a "psychological mediator." It is theorized that the

interaction between these "inputs" and "psychological mediators" determine the "quality of life" of liver transplant recipients.

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study is to describe the perceived quality of life of liver transplant recipients and to explore the effects of selected physical, psychological and social factors on that quality of life. To that end, answers are sought to the following questions:

- 1) Does the quality of life after liver transplantation differ for men and women?
- 2) Does the quality of life after liver transplantation differ for those who are married and those who are not?
- 3) Does the quality of life after liver transplantation differ by age of the recipient?
- 4) Does the quality of life after liver transplantation differ by education of the recipient?
- 5) Does the quality of life after liver transplantation differ by time since transplant?

In addition to answering these questions, the relationships among the "inputs", "psychological mediators" and outcome variable, "quality of life," posited by the conceptual framework will be examined. Burckhardt (1985) found that psychological mediating factors contributed directly to quality of life, whereas age, gender, severity of pain and impairment due to arthritis, economic status and social network (inputs) indirectly affected quality of life through the mediating psychological factors. In line with those findings, one would expect to find the "inputs" to be related to the "psychological mediators" and the "psychological mediators" to be related to "quality of life". The "inputs", on the other hand, may or may not be related to "quality of life." Understanding the relationships between the variables provides information to health care providers about the dynamics that influence quality of life.

CHAPTER II

METHODS

Sample and Setting

The sample includes 48 orthotopic liver transplant recipients followed in a gastroenterology clinic from September 1990 to June 1991 for routine health screening and blood tests. Prior to their clinic visits, a member of the health care team contacted 57 liver transplant recipients by telephone and assessed their global performance using the Karnofsky Performance Status (KPS) (Karnofsky & Burchenal, 1948).

Of the 57 patients assessed by the KPS, 49 subsequently completed the other measures (86%). One of those 49 was too young to include in this research (15 years old) and was therefore excluded. Hence there are 48 transplant recipients for whom data were sufficiently complete to allow analysis. The 8 adult liver transplant recipients (5 males, 3 females) who did not complete the other instruments had similar ratings of global performance to the other 48, with mean KPS scores of 81.3 (range= 70-95) and 84.0 (range= 40-100) respectively.

Thirty (62%) are male, and 18 (38%) are female.

Three transplant recipients (6%) required more than one transplant. Twenty-four (50%) were transplanted at this center. Twenty-four (50%) were transplanted at six other centers and were followed at this clinic. Most had survived more than one year (n=29).

For the purpose of describing the attributes of the sample and relating those to the major points of the study, the sample was divided into groups. sample was divided into 3 age groups; those 40 years old and younger, those 41 to 55, and those 56 years old and older. The sample was also divided to compute differences related to educational background; those who had less than 12 years of education, those who completed 12 years of education, and those who completed more than 12 years of education. In order to determine the differences related to the time since transplantation the sample was divided into three groups; those less than 12 months post-transplant ("recovering"), those between 12 months and 24 months ("transitional phase"), and those greater than 24 months ("recovered"). Table 1 describes the characteristics of this sample by gender and by age, education, time since transplant and marital status.

Characteristics	Male	Female	Total
	(n=30)	(n=18)	(N=48)
Age (Years)			
22-40	12	5	17
41-55	11	10	21
56+	7	3	10
Mean	45.0	47.9	46.1 yrs.
SD	11.2	9.2	10.2
Range			22-64 yrs
Education (Years)			
< 12	3	2	5
= 12	6	9	15
> 12	21	7	28
Mean	13.8	13.2	13.6
SD	2.3	2.5	2.4
Range			9-18 yrs
Time Since Transplant	(Months)		
< 12	15	4	19
12-24	8	6	14
> 24	7	8	15
Mean	17.1	22.1	19.0
SD	15.2	15.7	15.4
Range			2-67 mos
Marital Status			
Married	24	13	37
Nonmarried	6	5	11

Data Collection Instruments

The conceptual framework provides a basis for clustering the measures into three groups. Table 2 names the measures for each of the clusters of the conceptual framework; inputs, psychological mediators, and quality of life. Each is described below.

Demographic data were extracted from the patient records. These data include: recipient's gender, age in years to the nearest birth date, number of years of education, marital status and the time since last transplant. In order to standardize the measures of age and time since transplant, the date of administration of the Karnofsky Performance Status (Karnofsky & Burchenal, 1948) was used to calculate these variables. In real time this date was spread over the testing period (September, 1990 to June, 1991) and in some cases (e.g., when instruments were completed at home) the dates of completion of different instruments may have varied up to two months.

The Chronic Illness Problem Inventory (CIPI) is a self-administered inventory consisting of 65 questions. It is designed to rate 18 dimensions (Kames, Naliboff, Heinrich & Schag, 1984) including problems with: sleep,

Table 2

<u>Measures Corresponding to the Elements of the Conceptual Framework.</u>

Inputs	Psychological	Quality
	Factors	of Life
Demographic Data	SCL-90-R:	Quality
Age		of Life
Gender	Global Severity	Scale
Education (yrs.)	Index (GSI)	(QOLS)
Marital status	,	(4020)
Time since	Positive Symptom	
transplant (9mos.)	Total (PST)	
Shipley (SILS):	9 Dimensions:	
estimated IQ	somatization	
Abstraction Quotient	obsessive-	
	compulsive	
Chronic Illness	interpersonal	
Problem Inventory (CIPI):	sensitivity	
sleep	depression	
eating	anxiety	
finances	hostility	
employment	phobic anxiety	
medications	paranoid	
cognitive	ideation	
physical appearance	psychoticism	
body deterioration		
sex		
activities of daily		
living		
inactivity		
social activity		
contact with		
family/friends		
assertion		
medical interaction		
marital difficulty		
marital overprotection		
nonmarried		
relationships		
Karnofsky Performance		
Status (KPS)		

eating, finances, employment, medications, cognitive, physical appearance, body deterioration, sex, activities of daily living, inactivity, social activity, contact with family and friends, assertion, medical interaction, marital difficulty, marital overprotection, and nonmarried relationships (see Appendix A). The severity of symptoms is rated from 0-4, ("not at all" to "very much"). Each dimension is scored by adding the rating of the items in each dimension (2-5 items per dimension) and dividing by the number of items in that dimension. There is no overall score for the instrument.

The CIPI was developed as a screening tool for use with patients with chronic pain and other chronic health problems. Kames et al. (1984) report that agreement between the CIPI and complete psychological evaluation at the Pain Management Center, UCLA, was 72% in terms of absence of a specific problem, and 80% in terms of the presence of a specific problem, thus providing a measure of criterion validity. Test-retest reliability was adequate ranging from .69 to .97 with a mean of .87. Internal consistency of the revised CIPI for 18 scales using Chronbach's coefficient alpha, had a range of .78 to .98, and a mean of .85.

The CIPI yields profiles by which to make comparisons among patients with a specific health problem and among groups of patients with different health problems. The mean scores of pain patients on each of the 18 dimensions have been graphed for comparison with chronic illness groups (obesity, pain, and chronic respiratory patients). The CIPI has also been used with groups of patients with tinnitus (Harrop-Griffiths, Katon, Dobie, Sakai & Russo, 1987; Sullivan et al., 1988) and sickle cell anemia (Barrett et al., 1988).

The Shipley Institute of Living Scale (SILS) is a commonly used, brief (20 minutes), cognitive function screening test (see Appendix B) that assesses breadth of vocabulary and level of abstract reasoning (Zachary, 1986). The SILS was originally standardized using a normative sample of students from fourth graders to undergraduates. The revised SILS was restandardized using a broader age range (M = 34.9) of psychiatric patients. The test and its scoring are described in full in the administration manual.

The SILS is a self-administered, 60-item multipleanswer and item-completion test. A Verbal Score is obtained by assigning one point for each correct answer and one point for every four unanswered items on the verbal portion of the test. An Abstraction Score is obtained by assigning two points for each correct answer on the abstract reasoning portion of the test. A Total Score is obtained by summing the Verbal and Abstraction Scores and this sum is then transformed into a <u>T-score</u>. The Total Score is entered into a mathematical formula to obtain an estimate of the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-Revised version (WAIS-R), full scale IQ score.

The SILS provides two scores that contrast the Vocabulary Score with the Abstraction Score, only one of which is used in this study because the other has limitations (Zachary, 1986). The underlying assumption in contrasting the Vocabulary and Abstraction scores is that mental function, as measured by vocabulary (mental content) and abstraction (mental process), should be approximately equal. Therefore, those who have intellectual impairment will show a discrepancy between vocabulary skills and abstract thinking.

The Abstraction Quotient (AQ) of the SILS is a description of over-all cognitive function developed by Mason and Ganzler (1964). The AQ is a standard score (M=100, S.D.=15) based on the difference between the

obtained abstraction score and a "predicted abstraction score". The "predicted abstraction score" was determined by Mason and Ganzler (1964) by means of a linear regression of the Abstraction Scores of 198 VA patients, nonprofessional staff and volunteers on their vocabulary scores. The tables for deriving the AQ are provided in Appendix B.

The SILS appears to be reasonably reliable and valid (Zachary, 1986). Split-half reliability using the Spearman-Brown computational formula on a sample of 322 Army recruits was .87 for Vocabulary, .89 for Abstraction and .92 for the Total Scores. Test-retest reliability coefficients for the Total Scores of several groups of female nurses and undergraduate students at intervals between 2 and 16 weeks were between .62 and .82. The SILS derives its validity from the Wechsler Intelligence Test, and has many of the same capabilities and limitations.

The Karnofsky Performance Status (KPS) (Karnofsky & Burchenal, 1948) is a widely used 10-point rating of the patient's global functional performance (see Appendix C). A rater scores the percent of the patient's functioning based on the verbal anchors for each of the 10 ordered categories. In general, 80-100%

is considered normal functioning with no special care needed; 50-70% represents inability to work, but ability to function otherwise with varying degrees of assistance; and below 50% designates the need for institutional care.

Grieco and Long (1984) obtained an interrater reliability coefficient of .86 using the Spearman Rank Correlation when raters used the same data sources to score the functional performance of 30 individuals from five different in-patient and out-patient populations at a V.A. Medical center in Florida. Concurrent validity is indicated by correlations of .68 to .96 between the KPS scores and scores on three other measures of patient quality of life. A test of the discriminant validity of five different quality of life measures (including the KPS) on five groups of patients demonstrated that the KPS possessed the maximum discriminatory power.

With the present sample, the KPS was determined by a single rater. The rater based each rating on an interview protocol to elicit responses related to employment, ability to carry out normal activities, and pretransplant status (see Appendix C). Since the KPS was rated by the same rater using the same criteria

internal consistency can be expected (Grieco & Long, 1984). No intra-rater reliability was calculated with this sample.

Psychological Mediators

The SCL-90-R, developed by Derogatis (1983), is also a commonly used self-administered, psychological screening tool that assesses psychological disturbance (see Appendix D). It is based on the Hopkins Symptom Checklist. The SCL-90-R measures 9 dimensions of psychological disturbance, namely, somatization, obsessive-compulsive, interpersonal sensitivity, depression, anxiety, hostility, phobic anxiety, paranoid ideation, and psychoticism. Each dimension is measured on a 5-point scale of distress (0-4), with the higher scores indicating greater distress. The sum of the scores is divided by the number of items answered for each of the dimensions, thus adjusting for any missing items.

A Global Severity Index (GSI) is calculated by adding the scores (that can vary from 0-4) for all nine dimensions and the additional items and dividing by the number of items answered. The Positive Symptom Total (PST) can vary from 0-91. The PST is the total number of items with a score other than zero.

Internal consistency for the 9 dimensions using coefficient alpha is between .77 and .90. Test-retest reliability of 94 patients at a 1-week interval was between .80 and .90 for the 9 dimensions. Several studies of validity have indicated the sensitivity of the SCL-90-R in predicting clinical psychological distress/disturbances (Derogatis, 1983).

Quality of Life

The Quality of Life Scale (QOLS) was developed by Burckhardt (1985). Fifteen items are identical to those in an instrument developed by Flanagan (1982). That instrument was the outcome of research by Flanagan and psychologist colleagues who used a critical incident technique to analyze 3000 interviews of men and women across the United States. Flanagan and his colleagues identified 15 components of quality of life clustered into 5 domains (Flanagan, 1978)(see Table 3).

Burckhardt (1985; 1988; Burckhardt, Woods, Schultz & Ziebarth, 1989; C.S. Burckhardt personal communication, January 28, 1992) used Flanagan's instrument to study the quality of life of chronically ill patients, substituting a 7-point rating scale ("terrible", scored 1, to "delighted", scored 7) for Flanagan's 5-point rating scale to assess

Table 3

The Five Domains of Quality of Life and the 15

Associated Components as Described by Flanagan
(1982).

Don	nain	Com	ponent
Α.	Physical and material well-being	1.	Material comforts; desirable home, food, conveniences, security
		2.	Health and personal safet;
В.	Relationships with other people	3.	Relationships with relatives
		4.	Having and rearing children
		5.	Close relationship with spouse or member of the opposite sex
		6.	Close friends, sharing views, interests,
C.	Social, community and civic activities	7.	activities Helping and encouraging others
		8.	Participating in local and governmental affairs
D.	Personal development and	9.	Learning, attending school improving understanding
	fulfillment	10.	Understanding yourself and knowing your assets and limitations
		11.	Work that is interesting rewarding and worthwhile
		12.	Expressing yourself in a creative manner
Ξ.	Recreation	13.	Socializing with others
			Reading, listening to music, watching sports, other entertainment
		15.	Participation in active recreation

satisfaction (Burckhardt et al., 1989). Also, the QOLS does not assess the importance of each item to the individual's perception of quality of life. Based on the findings of her research Burckhardt et al. (1989) added another component, namely, independence, or the ability to do for oneself.

The scores of each of the 16 items in Burckhardt's instrument are summed to provide a total score which can range from 16 to 112. Missing items are given a mean score. The internal consistency reliability coefficient of the 16-item scale was .86 in a study of 94 fiber myalgia patients (C.S. Burckhardt, communication January 28, 1992). The internal consistency reliability coefficient of the 15-item scale was also high (Burckhardt et al., 1989), ranging from .84 to .92 for four groups of chronically ill patients tested across a 6-week time period at two week intervals. The test-retest reliability coefficients at two 3-week intervals using the subjects in the above four groups were .78 and .84.

Sensitivity of the instrument with the chronic illness groups is inferred because one group (ostomy) had a significantly higher mean score than the other group (diabetics) independent of the demographic

characteristics of the two groups. Convergent validity is inferred based on significant correlation coefficients between the QOLS and other measures related to quality of life (Burckhardt et al., 1989). That Flanagan used inductive reasoning to develop his scale (1982) offers evidence of construct validity.

Design and Procedure

The design of this study is cross sectional and correlational. The data used in this investigation had been previously collected for the purpose of the clinical evaluation of liver transplant recipients and for preliminary planning of their treatment. Measures were chosen by health care providers to evaluate broad dimensions of the transplant recipient's status after transplantation. The measures were self-administered and took a relatively short time to complete. Whenever possible the instruments were completed during regularly scheduled clinic visits: otherwise they were completed by the recipient at home and returned to the clinic. Some dimensions of the instruments overlap, but none of the dimensions are identical.

Protection of confidentiality for the subjects was provided through assignment of a code number to each individual and entering the data into the computer

according to the assigned code number. This study involves the analysis of the grouped clinical data described above. Hence, although the study was reviewed and approved by the Oregon Health Science University Committee on Human Research no special consent from the patient was required to carry out the analysis of these data.

Analysis

Quality of Life Scale scores were the dependent variables. T-tests were used to identify if there were differences by gender and marital status (research questions 1 and 2). Analysis of variance was used to see if there were differences by age, education and time since last transplant (research questions 3, 4 and 5). To describe the relationships among the measures data for the entire sample were aggregated for correlational analysis. Because of the large number of comparisons being made and therefore the increased probability of obtaining significant differences or significant relationships by chance alone, the p-value to determine significance was set at .01 or less.

CHAPTER III

RESULTS

Descriptive Findings

The demographic data and months since liver transplant for this sample have been described earlier (see Table 1). The liver transplant recipients in this study were predominantly male (n=30; female, n=18) with a mean age of 46. More than half had completed high school; almost two thirds (n=29) were more than one year since transplant; 77% were married at the time of the study.

Five standardized measures were used to assess aspects of the liver transplant recipient's physical, psychological, and social functioning following transplant: Chronic Illness Problem Inventory, Shipley Institute of Living Scale, Karnofsky Performance Status, SCL-90-R and the Quality of Life Scale. In general, this population of liver transplant recipients report that they are doing well. The means, standard deviations and ranges for each of the standardized measures are presented in Table 4.

The scores reported on the CIPI by this liver transplant population have means approximately equal to

Table 4

Scores of Liver Transplant Recipients on Selected

Standardized Measures of Functioning: Means,

Standard Deviations and Ranges.

Measure	Mean	(SD)	Range
Chronic Illness Problem Inve	entory (CI	PI)	
Sleep	0.9	(1.0)	0 - 4
Eating	1.2	(1.1)	0 - 4
Finances	1.2	(1.2)	0 - 4
Employment	1.1	(1.2)	0-4
Medications	0.3	(0.5)	0 - 4
Cognitive	1.0	(1.1)	0 - 4
Physical appearance	0.8	(0.9)	0 - 4
Body deterioration	0.7	(0.9)	0-4
Sex	1.0	(1.0)	0-3.5
Activity	0.8	(0.8)	0-4
Inactivity	0.6	(0.7)	0-3
Social interaction	0.5	(0.8)	0-3.7
Family & friends contact	0.8	(0.9)	0-3.2
Assertion	1.2	(1.3)	0-4
Marital	0.6	(0.9)	0-3.2
Marital overprotection	0.5	(0.7)	0-2.3
Nonmarried relations	2.1	(1.4)	0-4
Shipley Institute of Living	Scale (SI	LS)	
IQ	107	(12)	69-125
AQ	108	(14)	65-135
Karnofsky Performance Status	(KPS)		
	84	(14)	40-100
SCL-90-R			
Global Severity Index	0.6	(0.5)	0 - 2.2
Somatization	0.8	(0.6)	0-2.5
Obsessive-compulsive	0.8	(0.8)	0-3.5
Depression	0.7	(0.7)	0-2.8
Anxiety	0.5	(0.5)	0-2.5
Hostility	0.4	(0.4)	0-1.5
Phobic Anxiety	0.2	(0.4)	0 - 1.7
Paranoid Ideation	0.3	(0.4)	0-1.3
Psychoticism	0.3	(0.4)	0-2.4
rsychoticism	0.3	(0.4)	0-2.4

Table 4 (continued)

SCL-90-R
Positive Symptom Total (PST) 30 (18) 3-71
Quality of Life Scale (QOLS) 81 (15) 52-109

Note: The range of possible scores is 0-4 for each CIPI dimension; 0-100 for the KPS; 0-4 for each dimension of the SCL-90-R and the GSI; 0-91 for the PST; 16-112 for the QOLS.

1 with the range 0-4 ("not at all", 0 to "very much",
4). Of the 18 dimensions, 11 have scores across the
range of severity. The Karnofsky Performance Status
(KPS) scores also have a wide range (40-100). The mean
score on the KPS (84) falls within the range "normal
functioning" (80-100), indicating the majority of this
population is able to function independently.

The Shipley Institute of Living scores also have a wide range. The means for the two measures (estimated IQ = 107 and the Abstraction Quotient = 108) are near the normalized score (100) indicating verbal and abstract reasoning skills are normal. The Quality of Life Scale has a wide range of scores, but unlike the other instrument scores the median (83) and mean (84) are approximately equal indicating less positively skewed scores. The scores of the SCL-90-R reflect generally low rating of psychological distress; unlike the other measures, for 8 of the 9 dimensions, the highest score was less than 3 (out of a possible 4).

Answers to the Research Questions

The mean scores and standard deviations on the Quality of Life Scale scores as affected by gender, marital status, age, education and time since transplantation are described in Table 5.

Table 5

Differences in Quality of Life of Transplant

Recipients by Gender, Marital Status, Age, Education,
and Time Since Transplant: Mean Scores and Standard

Deviations on the QOLS. #

	QC	LS
Group	Mean	(SD)
Gender		
Men (n=30)	79.3	(14.2)
Women (n=18)	85.0	(15.0)
Marital Status		
Married (n=37)	82.9	(14.6)
Nonmarried (n=11)	76.1	(14.0)
Age (Years)		
22-40 (n=17)	79.3	(14.3)
41-55 (n=21)	80.8	(14.6)
56+ (n=10)	86.0	(15.6)
Education (Years)		
< 12 (n=5)	70.8	(20.7)
12 (n=15)	80.3	(14.7)
> 12 (n=28)	83.9	(12.9)
Time Since Transplantation	(Months)	
< 12 (n=18)	79.4	(14.5)
13-24 (n=16)	80.3	(14.3)
> 24 (n=14)	85.4	(15.6)
Total Sample	81.3	(14.6)

Research Question 1: Does the quality of life after liver transplantation differ for men and women? No statistically significant difference was observed between the mean Quality of Life Scale (QOLS) scores of men (\underline{n} = 30) and women (\underline{n} = 18), \underline{t} (46) = 1.30, \underline{p} < .20.

Research Question 2: Does the quality of life after liver transplantation differ for those who are married and those who are not? No significant difference was observed between the mean QOLS scores for those who were married ($\underline{n} = 37$) and those who were not ($\underline{n} = 11$), \underline{t} (46) = 1.38, p < .17.

Research Question 3: Does the quality of life after liver transplantation differ by age of the recipient? The sample was divided into three age groups (22-40, 41-55, and 56+). Analysis of variance did not reveal significant differences in the mean scores on the QOLS between age groups; F(2, 45) = 0.68, p < .51.

Research Question 4: Does the quality of life after liver transplantation differ by education of the transplant recipient? The sample was divided into three groups based on the education of the transplant recipient (less than 12 years, 12 years, and greater than 12 years). Analysis of variance did not reveal

significant differences in the mean scores on the QOLS based on educational background $\underline{F}(2, 45) = 1.80$, $\underline{p} < .18$. Research Question $\underline{5}$: Does the quality of life after liver transplantation differ by time since transplant? Again, the sample was divided into three groups based on the time since the last transplant until the date of rating the Karnofsky Performance Status (less than 12 months, 12 to 24 months, and greater than 24 months). Analysis of variance did not reveal significant differences in the mean scores on the QOLS between groups based on the time since transplant $\underline{F}(2, 45) = 1.93$, $\underline{p} < .16$.

In summary, no statistically significant differences were found in the mean scores on a global measure of quality of life within this group based on gender, marital status, age, education or time since transplant.

Additional Findings

The conceptual framework of Burckhardt (1985) was employed as a means for clustering the measures and to explore the relationships among them (see Table 2). Correlational analyses were performed between the "inputs" and the "psychological mediators"; the "psychological mediators" and "quality of life;" and

Table 6

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant Recipients
on "Input" Variables (Demographic Characteristics,

CIPI, KPS, SILS) and Quality of Life Scale (QOLS).

Input Variables	Pearson's <u>r</u> with QOLS
CIPI	
Sleep	24
Eating	35*
Finances	28
Employment	53**
Medications	34*
Cognitive	32
Physical appearance	48**
Body deterioration	39*
Sex	42*
Activities of daily living	53**
Inactivity	63**
Social activity	61**
Family/friends contact	67**
Assertion	42**
Medical interaction	19
Marital difficulty	39*
Marital overprotection	07
Nonmarried relationships	23
KPS	.46**
SILS AQ	07
SILS estimated IQ	. 16
Age	. 26
Gender	.19
farital status	20
ears of education	. 26
ime Since Transplant	. 28

^{*} p significant at < 0.01

^{**} p significant at < 0.001

Table 7

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant Recipients

on "Input" Variables (Demographic Characteristics, CIPI,

KPS, SILS) and the "Psychological Mediator" (SCL-90-R).

Input Variables	Pearson <u>r</u> v GSI	with SCL-90-R PST
CIPI		
Sleep	.60**	.45**
Eating	.40*	.40*
Finances	.45**	.38*
Employment	.47**	.54**
Medications	.48**	.52**
Cognitive	.70**	.70**
Physical appearance	.38*	.59**
Body deterioration	.65**	.53**
Sex	. 34	.54**
Activities of daily livi	ng .57**	.52**
Inactivity	.47**	.57**
Social activity	.57**	.58**
Family/friends contact	.55**	.59**
Assertion	.56**	.59**
Medical interaction	.42**	.36*
Marital difficulty	.48**	.57**
Marital overprotection	.44*	.48**
Nonmarried relationships	. 57	.60
KPS	40*	50
SILS AQ	10	07
SILS estimated IQ	28	26
Age	09	31
Gender	.04	.09
Marital status	. 23	. 23
Years of education	11	13
Time Since Transplant	22	17

^{*} p significant at < 0.01

^{**} p significant at < 0.001

Table 8

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant

Recipients on "Psychological Mediator" (SCL-90-R) and

Quality of Life Scale (QOLS).

Psychological Mediators	Pearson's r with QOLS
SCL-90-R	
GSI	56**
PST	63**
Somatization	44**
Obsessive-Compulsive	34*
Interpersonal sensitivity	54**
Depression	58**
Anxiety	39*
Hostility	46**
Phobic anxiety	57**
Paranoid ideation	42**
Psychoticism	51**

^{*} p significant at ≤ 0.01

^{**} p significant at < 0.001

CIPI and the KPS) (see Table 6). All but two of the 18
CIPI dimensions (problems with sex and nonmarried
relationships) and the KPS ("inputs") correlated
significantly with the "psychological mediator,"
SCL-90-R, GSI. The KPS (input) did not correlate
significantly with the "psychological mediators," SCL90-R, PST, interpersonal sensitivity, anxiety, and
paranoid ideation (see Table 7 and Appendix F, Tables
F3, F5, and F8). All but one of the dimensions of the
CIPI (nonmarried relationships) correlated
significantly with the "psychological mediator,"
SCL-90-R, PST. Mean scores of problems with nonmarried
relationships did not correlate significantly with the
QOLS or any of the "psychological mediators" except
interpersonal sensitivity (see Table F3, Appendix F).

CHAPTER IV

Discussion

This study used standardized instruments to quantitatively describe the quality of life and physical, psychological, and social experience of 48 liver transplant recipients who were from 2 to 64 months post-transplant. On the basis of the transplant recipients' reports of daily living, cognitive function, psychological function, global performance status, and perceived quality of life, this population reports they are generally doing well.

Liver transplant recipients in other studies

(Foley et al., 1989; Hicks et al., 1992; & Wolcott et
al., 1989) also report they are doing generally well.

Hicks et al.(1992) and Wolcott et al. (1989) however,
report that liver transplant recipients score lower on
functional impairment instruments than renal transplant
recipients and House et al. reports psychologic
impairment in all post-liver transplant recipients.

Compared to three different groups of chronic pain
patients (Kames et al., 1984), this group of liver
transplant recipients reported less severe problems in
16 dimensions of the CIPI (all except financial
problems and nonmarried relationships). Comparison

with respiratory patients (Kames et al., 1984), indicates these liver transplant recipients reported they are having as many or fewer problems in 9 dimensions of the CIPI, but they reported more problems on the other 9 dimensions (eating, finances, employment, cognitive ability, physical appearance, inactivity, assertion, medical interaction, and nonmarried relationships).

On the CIPI the nonmarried liver transplant recipients describe more problems with relationships (meeting, having a close relationship with a member of the opposite sex) than pain respiratory and obese patients (Kames et al., 1984). Still, no significant correlation was observed in this study between the quality of life of those who were married and those who were not.

House et al. (1983) reported persistent organic brain syndromes after transplant. Similarly, Tarter et al. (1984, 1988) reported cognitive problems with coordination, concentration and memory. These same functions were not measured in this study, but the numbers with low cognitive skills as measured by verbal (IQ) and abstract reasoning (AQ) skills were few (IQ < 90, \underline{n} = 1; AQ < 90, \underline{n} = 5). In addition, quality of

life was not related to the educational background of the transplant recipient.

The mean score on the Karnofsky Performance Status (84) was within the range of normal functioning, with 79% scoring between 80 and 100, 17% between 50 and 70, and 4% less than 50. Mean score of 84 for the liver transplant recipients contrasts favorably with those reported by Grieco and Long (1984) for patients with stroke ($\underline{M} = 39.5$), dialysis ($\underline{M} = 51$), pain ($\underline{M} = 62$), and psychiatric outpatient ($\underline{M} = 75$).

Comparisons with normal and psychiatric outpatient populations can be made based on the mean scores of the SCL-90-R (Zachary, 1986). Male and female responses using this instrument are reported separately. Both men and women liver transplant recipients reported more psychological distress than a normal population in all dimensions except paranoid ideation (male liver transplant recipients reported less distress than a normal population). However, in comparison to outpatient psychiatric populations, both male and female liver transplant recipients reported less distress in all dimensions, except somatic concerns for which both men and women had slightly higher scores. Although Kuchler et al. (1991) reported

women experience less depression and better quality of life than men, this research did not support those findings. T-Scores for both men and women in this sample of liver transplant recipients is 61 and 60 respectively. There were also no significant differences in the quality of life scores of the men and women in the sample.

The Quality of Life Scale developed by Burckhardt (1985) employed to measure quality of life in this study included one additional item, independence, being able to do for one self. Other populations, those with chronic illness, were studied using the 15-item scale. Even so, comparisons indicate that liver transplant recipients are within the range of the scores of those other populations (ostomy group, $\underline{M} = 82.3$ on the 15 item QOLS; diabetes group, $\underline{M} = 74.1$ on the 15 item QOLS; the liver transplant recipients, $\underline{M} = 81$ on the 16 item QOLS).

Unlike the findings of Wolcott et al. (1989), quality of life was not affected by the age of the transplant recipients. However, the age range in this study was truncated at the upper limit by the selection process for liver transplantation at most transplant centers and was truncated at the lower limit by the

selection process for this research. It is possible that if older and younger transplant recipients were included in this study differences in quality of life might be found in relation to age.

Additionally, the relationships between the elements of the measures were explored. Correlational analysis indicated that psychological distress and global performance were very closely related to quality of life. Of the 18 dimensions of the CIPI, 16 were significantly related to the global measure of psychological function (problems with sex and nonmarried relationships were not significantly related). However, problems with sex were significantly related to quality of life. Health care providers could expect to find a negative impact on quality of life if problems in these areas were reported. Problems with non-married relationships, verbal and abstract reasoning, and the demographic "inputs" were not related to either psychological function or quality of life.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, LIMITATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
FUTURE RESEARCH, AND
IMPLICATIONS FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE

Summary

As the number of liver transplant survivors increases and the availability of liver transplantation makes it a widespread intervention for the treatment of liver disease, the quality of life of liver transplant recipients becomes increasingly important. This study describes the experience of 48 orthotopic liver transplant recipients (30 men and 18 women, age 22-64) after transplantation. This study answers questions related to the quality of their lives and explores the nature of quality of life through correlational analysis of the elements of several instruments. measures were clustered based on a conceptual framework previously employed to test the relationships among multiple variables and the measure of quality of life used in this study. All of the instruments used in this study were standardized and scores were based on the transplant recipient's own report of his/her experience.

Quality of life within this population of liver

transplant recipients did not systematically vary in relationship to gender, marital status, age, education or time since transplant. Quality of life is related to physical, psychological, social, and global performance measures. Although some liver transplant recipients report severe problems, more frequently they report that they have few physical, psychological, social, and global performance problems. Their self-reported quality of life was higher than reports from other chronic illness groups.

Questions still linger regarding the true nature of quality of life for this population. Alternative reasons for reporting high quality of life might include: a sense of renewed hope; a personal investment in a positive outcome possibly combined with shifting values to ensure a positive outcome; improvement when compared to life prior to transplant. Positive ratings of quality of life and alternative reasons for reporting positive outcomes illustrate the need for health care practitioners to cautiously interpret the problems experienced by liver transplant recipients as they relate to quality of life. The individual's perception of his/her problems may differ from health care providers' and others' perceptions, of these

problems as they relate to perceived quality of life.

The conceptual framework provided a means of clustering the elements of the measures for systematic analysis of the interrelationships among the elements and for a more meaningful analysis of the factors related to quality of life of liver transplant recipients. Adaptive problems, as measured by the CIPI and the KPS were generally related to the "psychological mediators," as measured by the SCL-90-R and the "psychological mediators," were closely related to "quality of life," as measured by the QOLS. These findings provide preliminary data regarding the nature of quality of life for liver transplant recipients.

Limitations

Several possible limitations of this study should be recognized. The population studied was a sample of convenience, limiting generalization of the results. The relationships among the elements of the standardized measures would be better described through multiple regression path analysis, which was beyond the scope and sample size of this pilot project. Correlational analysis limits the interpretation of the results. Response bias may be inherent to the political and/or personal nature of liver transplant

recipients' responses about the quality of their lives. In spite of these limitations this study adds to the general knowledge about the post-liver transplant experience.

Recommendations for Future Research

The effect of time and the interrelationship between other life variables for transplant recipients as it relates to quality of life requires further study. A qualitative prospective research design would provide the richness to capture the experience of liver transplant recipients. Alternatively, a prospective longitudinal design using quantitative and/or qualitative measures could be employed to study this complex subject.

The role the of significant others and how they effect the liver transplant experience is unclear and requires further study. The study of how the perceptions of health care providers, family, and members of the community differ or are similar to the transplant recipients' perceptions would further our understanding of the political and personal nature of liver transplantation and clarify areas for continuing education.

Implications for Clinical Practice

The findings from this research provide some basis for clinical intervention and decision making with regard to liver transplant recipients. Because of perceived or identified patient needs and efficiency considerations, clinicians often group patients with like characteristics for therapy. This research revealed an absence of differences among groups of transplant recipients based on gender, marital status, age, educational background, or time since transplant. Consequently, it may not be necessary, or even beneficial to provide separate clinical interventions based solely on these characteristics.

The liver transplant recipients in this study generally reported that they are psychologically, socially, physically and globally doing well.

Conversely, some transplant recipients also reported severe problems and every problem was experienced by one or more transplant recipient. Health care practitioners and researchers should verify and cautiously interpret how problems after transplantation affect quality of life.

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Appendix A

Chronic Illness Inventory and Summary Sheet

(Kames et al., 1984)

PROBLEM INVENTORY

NAME:		DATE:	
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INSTRUCTIONS

The following questionnaire is a list of statements that describe the situations and experiences of individuals who have a chronic illness.

Read each statement using the numbered descriptions at the top of the page, decide HOW MUCH EACH STATEMENT APPLIES TO YOU. Enter the number associated with the description in the box next to the statement. Do not skip questions.

When you are deciding whether a statement applies to you, THINK OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. If the statement is true of your experience, then select the description: "a little," "a fair amount," "much," or "very much," and enter the number representing the statement in the box. If the statement is not true and has not applied to you in the past several months, enter "O" representing "not at all." See the examples below.

Examples:

HOW MUCH DOES IT APPLY TO YOU:

- 0 = NOT AT ALL
- 1 = A LITTLE
- 2 = A FAIR AMOUNT
- 3 = MUCH
- = VERY MUCH

I have difficulty driving (2)

I have difficulty talking to my children about my illness (4)

We are interested in knowing all about your experience, so do not hesitate to endorse a statement even though it only applies to you a little.

Thank you.

Please indicate HOW MUCH EACH STATEMENT APPLIES TO YOU by entering the appropriate number in the box to the right of each statement. Select the number that best describes your experience during the PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

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	3 = MUCH				3 = MUCH		
	4 = VERY MUCH				4 = VERY MUCH		
1.	I have difficulty falling asleep	()	11.	I need to use too ma medications	ny ()
2.	I have difficulty staying asleep	()	12.	I am afraid I may be or already am dependent on medications	come ent ()
3.	My appetite is poor	()	13.	I have difficulty concentrating	()
4.	I have difficulty main- taining proper weight	()	14.	I have difficulty remembering	()
5.	I am unable to pay my bills	()	15.	I have difficulty thinking clearly	()
6.	I have some financial worries	(/)	16.	I am uncomfortable with how I look	()
7.	I am not able to work	()	17.	I feel I am looked down upon because I look physically		
					disabled	()
8.	I lose too much work time because of my health	()	18.	I do not feel attractive	()
9.	I have difficulty finding a new job	()	19.	I feel my body is generally deterio- rating	()
10.	I am not able to perform all of my duties at work because of my health	(<u>:</u> 1	20.	I fear I will never be healthy again	()

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21.	I do not have confidence my body will work right when I need it to	()	31.	I have difficulty with transportation ()
22.	I worry about not being able to care for myself	()	32.	It is hard for me to get out of the house very much ()
23.	I have no other problems beside my medical problem	()	33.	My problem is more serious than others with a similar illness ()
24.	I do not have much interein sex	est ()	34.	I have difficulty figuring out what to do each day ()
25.	My physical problem makes sex difficult and/or uncomfortable	s ()	35.	I do not have enough activities to occupy my time ()
26.	I do not often engage in sex	()	36.	I am sitting or lying down most of the day ()
27.	My partner and I do not often embrace, kiss or touch	()	37.	I have difficulty enjoying time with relatives and/or friends ()
28.	I have difficulty bending lifting or carrying (,		38.	I have problems in planning social activities because I do not know how I will. feel ()
29.	I have difficulty walking and/or moving around	()	39.	I have difficulty going out to dinner, movies and other activities()
30.	I have difficulty doing household chores	()	40.	Family or friends do not come over to visit often ()

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41.	I do not get along well with my family	()	51.	I have had to see many doctors and try a lot of different treatments for my problem ()
42.	I do not have many close friends	()	52.	I feel doctors have not taken my problem seriously ()
43.	It has been difficult to maintain old friendships	()	53.	I have never received the proper treatment for my problem ()
44.		()	54.	No treatment has ever helped my problem ()
45.	It is difficult for me to ask family or friends for help when I need it	()	appl	next eight questions (55-62) y to individuals who are IED or IN A SERIOUS RELATION-
46.	It is difficult for me to tell others when I am upset	()	If y	ou are not married and/or do have a steady ongoing rela-
47.	It is difficult for me to tell others when I cannot do something	()	tion ques	ship, please skip to tion #63 and answer the re- ing questions.
48.	No one believes my problem is real	n ()	55.	My partner and I have difficulty talking about important matters ()
49.	I have difficulty getting information from my doctor about my illness)	56.	My partner and I have difficulty talking about feelings ()
50.	I have difficulty telling doctors when I am dissatisfied (()	57.	My partner and I have so much time together that we get on each others nerves ()

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58. My partner and I are not getting along as well as we used to ()
59. My partner expects me to do more than I am capable of ()
60. My partner won't let me do activities that I am capable of doing ()
61. My partner spends too much time taking care of me ()
62. My partner worries about me too much ()
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63. I have difficulty meeting opposite sex companions ()
64. I have difficulty developing a close relationship with a person of the opposite sex ()
65. I am afraid to initiate a sexual relationship with someone ()
You are finished. Thank you.	53

CHRONIC ILLNESS PROBLEM INVENTORY

Summary Sheet

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MARITAL OVERPROTECTION	/3=		Ti
NONMARRIED RELATIONSHIPS	/3=		
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Appendix B

Shipley Institute of Living Scale and Scoring Tables

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SHIPLEY INSTITUTE OF LIVING SCALE

Administration Form

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	TUMBLE	drink	dress	fall	think	
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	CORDIAL	swift	muddy	leafy	hearty	<u> </u>
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Part II

Instructions: Complete the following by filling in either a number or a letter for each dash (_______). Do the items in order, but don't spend too much time on any one item.

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Table B
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Note. Quotients obtained from Vocabulary scores below 23 are of doubtful validity. CQs based on vocabulary scores below 16 are not provided.

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Table D-2
Estimated WAIS-R Full Scale IQ from Shipley Total Score Stratified by Age

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Appendix C

Karnofsky Performance Status

(Karnofsky & Burchenal, 1948)

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special care is needed.	90	-Able to carry on normal activity. Minor signs or symptoms of disease.
	80	-Normal activity with effort. Some signs or symptoms of disease.
B: Unable to work. Able to live at home and care for	70	-Cares for self. Unable to carry on normal activity or to do active work.
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C: Unable to care for self. Requires equivalent of institu-	- 40	-Disabled. Requires special care and assistance.
tional or hospital care. Dise may be progressing rapidly.	ease 30	-Severely disabled. Hospitalization is indicated aithough death not imminent.
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	10	-Moribund. Fatal processes progressing rapidly.
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If more than 100%, reason related to: post-transplant problems?
If other problem prevents employment, were they present before transplant?
If unable to work, what is the problem that prevents work?
would like to understand your situation in more detail. Would you be willing to interviewed in more detail later?
erviewer: Date:

Appendix D

SCL-90-R Scoring Profile and Scoring Guide

(Derogatis, 1983)

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SIDE 1

AGE

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Below is a list of problems people sometimes have. Please read each one carefully, and circle the number to the right that best describes HOW MUCH THAT PROBLEM HAS DISTRESSED OR BOTHERED YOU DURING THE PAST 7 DAYS INCLUDING TODAY. Circle only one number for each problem and do not skip any items. If you change your mind, erase your first mark carefully. Read the example below before beginning, and if you have any questions please ask about them.

SEX	NAME:
MALE	LOCATION:
	EDUCATION:
EMALE	MARITAL STATUS: MARSEPDIVWIDSING

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VISIT NUMBER: _

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3.	the bearing ambientering and and a title and a filling	3	0	-1	2	3	4
4.	Faintness or dizziness	4	0	1	2	3	4
5.	Loss of sexual interest or pleasure	5	0	1	2	3	4
6.	The state of the s	6	0	1	2	3	4
7.	The idea that someone else can control your thoughts	7	0	1	2	3	4
8.	Feeling others are to blame for most of your troubles	8	0	1	2	3	4
	Trouble remembering things	9	0	1	2	3	4
10.		10	0	1	2	3	4
11.	Feeling easily annoyed or irritated	11	0	1	2	3	4
12.	Pains in heart or chest	12	0	1	2	3	4
13.	and a series of the series of	13	0	1	2	3	4
14.	Feeling low in energy or slowed down	14	0	1	2	3	4
15.	Thoughts of ending your life	15	0	1	2	3	4
16.	Hearing voices that other people do not hear	16	0	1	2	3	4
17.	Trembling	17	0	1	2	3	4
18.	Feeling that most people cannot be trusted	18	0	1	2	3	4
19.		19	0	1	2	3	4
20.	Crying easily	20	0	1	2	3	4
21.	Feeling shy or uneasy with the opposite sex	21	0	1	2	3	4
22.	Feelings of being trapped or caught	22	0	1	2	3	4
23.	Suddenly scared for no reason	23	0	1	2	3	4
24.	Temper outbursts that you could not control	24	0	-1	2	3	4
25.	Feeling afraid to go out of your house alone	25	0	1	2	3	4
26.	Blaming yourself for things	26	0	1	2	3	4
27.	Pains in lower back	27	0	1	2	3	4
28.	Feeling blocked in getting things done	28	0	1	2	3	4
29.	Feeling lonely	29	0	1	2	3	4
30.	Feeling blue	30	0	1	2	3	4
31.	Worrying too much about things	31	0	1	2	3	4
32.	Feeling no interest in things	32	0	1	2	3	4
33.	Feeling fearful	33	0	1	2	3	4
34.	Your feelings being easily hurt	34	0	1	2	3	4
35.	Other people being aware of your private thoughts	35	0	1	2	3	4

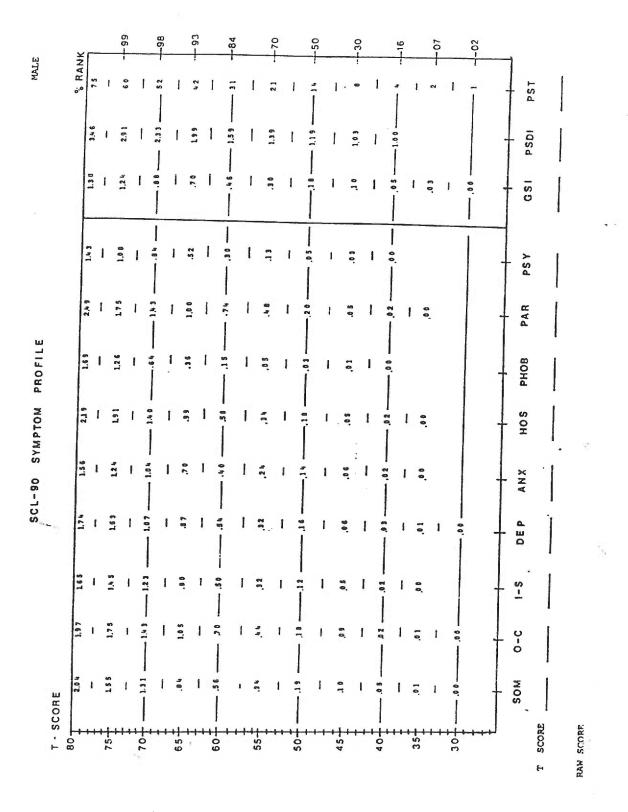
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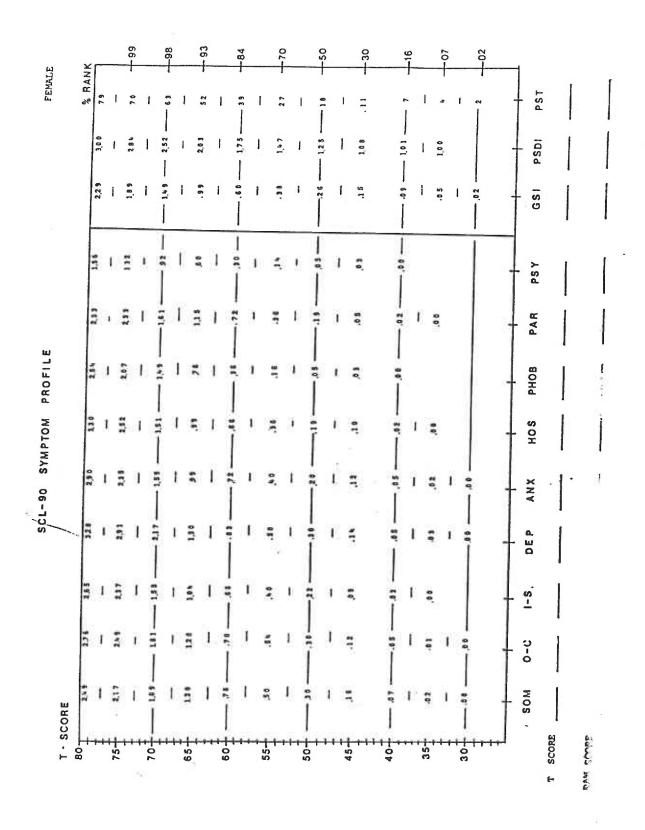
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SIDE 2

HOW MUCH WERE YOU DISTRESSED BY:	\	NOT BY ALL	PILLITE BIL	MODERATELY	OUT & BIT	EXTREMELY
36. Feeling others do not understand you or are unsympathetic	3	6		,		-
37. Feeling that people are unfriendly or dislike you	3		0			3
38. Having to do things very slowly to insure correctness	3			1	1	3
35. Heart pounding or racing	3			- 1	1	3
40. Nausea or upset stomach	40				- 1	3
41. Feeling inferior to others						3
42. Soreness of your muscles	41		- 1			3
43. Feeling that you are watched or talked about by others	43			- 1		3
1 74. I rouble talling asleep	44			1		3
45. Having to check and double-check what you do				-	1	3
40. Utticulty making decisions	45			1 :	2 :	3
47. Feeling afraid to travel on buses subways or trains	46			1 3	2 3	3
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49. Hot or cold spells	48	0	1 :	1 :	2 3	,
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52. Numbness or tingling in parts of your body	51		1 '	- 1	1 -	- 1
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58. Heavy feelings in your arms or legs		0	1		-	
59. Thoughts of death ordying	58	0	1	1 -	1 -	1
60. Overeating	59	0	1	2	3	
61. Feeling uneasy when people are watching or talking about you Having thoughts the second	60	0	1	2	3	
The string throughts that are not your own	61	0	1	2	3	
63. Having urges to beat, injure, or harm someone	62	0	1	2	3	1
64. Awakening in the early morning	63	0	1	2	3	14
65. Having to repeat the same actions such as touching, counting, or washing	64	0	1	2	3	1 4
66. Sleep that is restless or disturbed	65	0	1	2	3	. 2
67. Having urges to break or smash things	66	0	1	2	3	1
68. Having ideas or beliefs that others do not share	67	0	1	2	3	14
69. Feeling very self-conscious with others	68	0	1	2	3	14
70. Feeling uneasy in crowds and thers	69	0	1	2	3	
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o. Others not giving you proper credit for your achievements	75	0	1	- 2	3	4
	76	0	1	2	3	4
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SCL-90-R SCORE PROFILE A

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Appendix E

Quality of Life Scale (QOLS)

(Burckhardt, 1985)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCORING THE QUALITY OF LIFE SCALE

This form has 16 items rather than the 15 originally in the Flanagan references. Item #16 "Independence, doing for yourself" was added after a qualitative study indicated that the instrument had content validity in chronic illness groups but that it needed an item that reflected the importance to these people of remaining independent and able to care for themselves.

The instrument is scored by summing the items to make a total score. Subjects should be encouraged to fill out every item even if they are not currently engaged in it. (e.g. they can be satisfied even if they do not currently participate in organizations. Or they can be satisfied about not having children.) Missing data can be treated by entering the mean score for the item.

If you wish to compare scores in your groups with any scores that we have published, please be aware that the Burckhardt references cited below used the 15 item scale and did not include the independence item. Any subsequent work that uses the scale will include item #16.

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If you have further questions, please write to me or call.

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QUALITY OF LIFE SCALE (QOL)

Please read each item and circle the number that best describes how satisfied you are at this time. Please answer each item even if you do not currently participate in an activity or have a relationship. You can be satisfied or dissatisfied with not doing the activity or having the relationship.

		Delighted	Pleased	Mostly Satisfied	Mixed	Mostly Dissatisfied	Unhappy	Terrible
1.	Material comforts—home, food, conveniences, financial security.	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
2.	Health – being physically fit and vigorous	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
3.	Relationships with parents, siblings & other relatives – communicating, visiting, helping	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
4.	Having and rearing children	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
5.	Close relationships with spouse or significant other.	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
6.	Close friends	. 7	6	5	4	3	2	1
7.	Helping and encouraging others, volunteering, giving advice	. 7	6	5	4	3	2	1
8.	Participating in organizations and public affairs	. 7	6	5	4	3	2	1
9.	Learning – attending school, improving understanding, getting additional knowledge	. 7	6	5	4	3	2	1
10.	Understanding yourself – knowing your assests and limitations – knowing what life is about	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
11.	Work – job or in home	. 7	6	5	4	3	2	1
12.	Expressing yourself creatively.	. 7	6	5	4	3	2	1
13.	Socializing – meeting other people, doing things, parties, etc	. 7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	Reading, listening to music, or observing entertainment	. 7	6	5	4	3	2	1
15.	Participating in active recreation	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
16.	Independence, doing for yourself	. 7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Appendix F

Tables Reporting Correlation Coefficients

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Table F1

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant

Recipients on "Input" Variables (Demographic Characteristics, CIPI, KPS, SILS) and the "Psychological Mediator", Somatization.

	Pearson's r with SCL-90-R
Input Variables	Somatization
CIPI	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Sleep	.53**
Eating	. 37*
Finances	.50**
Employment	.48**
Medications	.50**
Cognitive	.63**
Physical appearance	.40**
Body deterioration	.50**
Sex	. 34
Activities of daily li	ving .59**
Inactivity	.41**
Social activity	.48**
Family/friends contact	. 47**
Assertion	.44**
Medical interaction	.40*
Marital difficulty	.44**
Marital overprotection	.47**
Nonmarried relationshi	ps . 32
KPS	- . 49 **
SILS AQ	20
SILS estimated IQ	32
Age	08
Gender	.04
Marital status	. 17
Years of education	13
Time Since Transplant	15

^{*} p significant at < 0.01

^{**} p significant at ≤ 0.001

Table F2

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant

Recipients on "Input" Variables (Demographic Characteristics, CIPI, KPS, SILS) and the "Psychological Mediator", Obsessive-Compulsive.

CIPI Sleep Eating Finances Employment Medications Cognitive Physical appearance Body deterioration	.53** .41** .47**
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Physical appearance	.44**
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Body deterioration	.36*
	.53**
Sex	. 26
Activities of daily livin	g .58**
Inactivity	.38*
Social activity	.47**
Family/friends contact	.50**
Assertion	.59**
Medical interaction	.52*
Marital difficulty	.48**
Marital overprotection	. 53**
Nonmarried relationships	.37
KPS	45**
SILS AQ	17
SILS estimated IQ	43**
Age	22
Gender	. 06
Marital status	. 22
Years of education	15
Time Since Transplant	06

^{*} p significant at < 0.01

^{**} p significant at < 0.001

Table F3

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant

Recipients on "Input" Variables (Demographic

Characteristics, CIPI, KPS, SILS) and the

"Psychological Mediator", Interpersonal Sensitivity.

Pe	arson's <u>r</u> with SCL-90-R
Input Variables	Interpersonal Sensitivity
CIPI	
Sleep	.43**
Eating	. 23
Finances	.40*
Employment	. 27
Medications	.45**
Cognitive	.52**
Physical appearance	.43**
Body deterioration	.45**
Sex	.42*
Activities of daily livin	g .37*
Inactivity	.55**
Social activity	.53**
Family/friends contact	.56**
Assertion	.62**
Medical interaction	. 36*
Marital difficulty	.63**
Marital overprotection	.54**
Nonmarried relationships	.72*
KPS	22
SILS AQ	14
SILS estimated IQ	13
Age	26
Gender	.17
Marital status	.46**
Years of education	03
Time Since Transplant	21

^{*} p significant at ≤ 0.01

^{**} p significant at ≤ 0.001

Table F4

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant

Recipients on "Input" Variables (Demographic Characteristics, CIPI, KPS, SILS) and the "Psychological Mediator", Depression.

Pear	son's r with SCL-90-R
Input Variables	Depression
CIPI	
Sleep	.55**
Eating	.49**
Finances	.44**
Employment	.48**
Medications	.63**
Cognitive	.66**
Physical appearance	.45**
Body deterioration	.75**
Sex	.50**
Activities of daily living	.61**
Inactivity	.58**
Social activity	.71**
Family/friends contact	.66**
Assertion	.63**
Medical interaction	.49**
Marital difficulty	.59**
Marital overprotection	.51**
Nonmarried relationships	. 49
KPS	45**
SILS AQ	09
SILS estimated IQ	21
Age	09
Gender	.14
Marital status	. 25
Years of education	11
Time Since Transplant	21

^{*} p significant at ≤ 0.01

^{**} p significant at < 0.001

Table F5

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant

Recipients on "Input" Variables (Demographic Characteristics, CIPI, KPS, SILS) and the "Psychological Mediator", Anxiety.

	n's r with SCL-90-R
Input Variables	Anxiety
CIPI	
Sleep	.61**
Eating	.47**
Finances	.55**
Employment	.44*
Medications	.54**
Cognitive	.74**
Physical appearance	.35*
Body deterioration	.58**
Sex	. 34
Activities of daily living	.59**
Inactivity	.50**
Social activity	.42**
Family/friends contact	.45**
Assertion	.64**
Medical interaction	.46*
Marital difficulty	.43*
Marital overprotection	.46**
Nonmarried relationships	. 42
KPS	29
SILS AQ	07
SILS estimated IQ	28
Age	09
Gender	.01
Marital status	. 25
Years of education	11
Time Since Transplant	12

^{*} p significant at ≤ 0.01

^{**} p significant at < 0.001

Table F6

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant

Recipients on "Input" Variables (Demographic Characteristics, CIPI, KPS, SILS) and the "Psychological Mediator", Hostility.

Pearson Input Variables	's <u>r</u> with SCL-90-R Hostility
CIPI	
Sleep	. 22
Eating	.43**
Finances	. 26
Employment	.52**
Medications	.38*
Cognitive	.55**
Physical appearance	.43**
Body deterioration	.43**
Sex	. 40*
Activities of daily living	.46**
Inactivity	.41**
Social activity	.62**
Family/friends contact	.46**
Assertion	.37*
Medical interaction	.35*
Marital difficulty	.52**
Marital overprotection	. 47**
Nonmarried relationships	.17
KPS	56**
SILS AQ	22
SILS estimated IQ	47**
Age	14
Gender	.15
Marital status	.02
Years of education	17
Time Since Transplant	07

^{*} p significant at ≤ 0.01

^{**} p significant at < 0.001

Table F7

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant

Recipients on "Input" Variables (Demographic Characteristics, CIPI, KPS, SILS) and the "Psychological Mediator", Phobic Anxiety.

	arson's <u>r</u> with SCL-90-R
Input Variables	Phobic Anxiety
CIPI	
Sleep	.37*
Eating	.42**
Finances	.35*
Employment	.53**
Medications	. 37*
Cognitive	.52**
Physical appearance	.45**
Body deterioration	.41**
Sex	. 28
Activities of daily living	g .53**
Inactivity	.51**
Social activity	.50**
Family/friends contact	.49**
Assertion	.47**
Medical interaction	. 32
Marital difficulty	.52**
Marital overprotection	. 26
Nonmarried relationships	. 63
KPS	39**
SILS AQ	06
SILS estimated IQ	29
Age	03
Gender	.04
Marital status	.14
Years of education	18
Time Since Transplant	10

^{*} p significant at < 0.01
** p significant at < 0.001

Table F8

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant

Recipients on "Input" Variables (Demographic Characteristics, CIPI, KPS, SILS) and the "Psychological Mediator", Paranoid Ideation.

Pearson's <u>r</u> with SCL-90-R	
Input Variables	Paranoid Ideation
CIPI	
Sleep	. 31
Eating	.48**
Finances	.44**
Employment	.45**
Medications	.48**
Cognitive	.54**
Physical appearance	.34*
Body deterioration	.41**
Sex	.33
Activities of daily living	. 25
Inactivity	. 25
Social activity	. 31
Family/friends contact	.44**
Assertion	.53**
Medical interaction	.18
Marital difficulty	. 25
Marital overprotection	.48**
Nonmarried relationships	.66
KPS	20
SILS AQ	01
SILS estimated IQ	23
Age	32
Gender	.16
Marital status	. 29
Years of education	17
Time Since Transplant	01

^{*} p significant at ≤ 0.01

^{**} p significant at < 0.001

Table F9

Correlations of Scores of Liver Transplant

Recipients on "Input" Variables (Demographic Characteristics, CIPI, KPS, SILS) and the "Psychological Mediator", Psychoticism.

Pearson's r with SCL-90-R	
Input Variables	Psychoticism
CIPI	
Sleep	.52**
Eating	.43**
Finances	.47**
Employment	.51**
Medications	.56**
Cognitive	.67**
Physical appearance	.38**
Body deterioration	.68**
Sex	.41*
Activities of daily living	.58**
Inactivity	.46**
Social activity	.53**
Family/friends contact	.59**
Assertion	.56**
Medical interaction	.45**
Marital difficulty	.56**
Marital overprotection	.58**
Nonmarried relationships	. 60
KPS	34*
SILS AQ	08
SILS estimated IQ	23
Age	02
Gender	.01
Marital status	. 23
Years of education	17
Time Since Transplant	09

^{*} p significant at < 0.01

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Standardized cognitive, psychological and social measures developed with normal subjects and various patient populations, but not with liver transplant recipients were used to describe quality of life of liver transplant recipients after liver transplant.

The standardized measures included: Shipley Institute of Living Scale (SILS), SCL-90-R, Chronic Illness Problem Inventory (CIPI), Quality of Life Scale (QOLS), and a Karnofsky Performance Status (KPS). The sample included 48 men (n=30) and women (n=18), age 22 to 64, 2 to 67 months post-transplant. These transplant recipients were being treated for routine follow-up in an out-patient clinic.

The design of this study is crossectional and correlational and is based on self-reports of quality of life of the sample. The measures were clustered

based on a conceptual framework previously employed to test the relationships among multiple variables and the global measure of quality of life used in this study. Research questions were asked about differences in quality of life because of gender, marital status, age, education and time since transplant. Additionally, the relationships among the variables were explored using correlational analysis.

Quality of life within this population of liver transplant recipients did not systematically vary in relationship to gender, marital status, age, education, time since transplant, or verbal and abstract reasoning skills. Quality of life was related to physical, social, psychological, and global performance measures.

The findings from this research provide some basis for clinical decision making and intervention with regard to health care of liver transplant recipients.

Because no differences were observed in quality of life based on gender, marital status, age, education, and time since transplant, it may not be necessary, or even beneficial to provide separate clinical interventions to improve quality of life based on these characteristics alone. These liver transplant recipients reported they had a generally good quality of life, yet problems were

identified. Health care practitioners and researchers should cautiously interpret how problems after transplant affect the transplant recipient's perception of quality of life. Finally, verbal and abstract reasoning skills were mostly normal for this population, indicating usual verbal and written teaching methods can be used.