

NINDS CDE Notice of Copyright Questionnaire for Verifying Stroke-Free Status  
(QVSFS)

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Classification:	Supplemental
Short Description of Instrument:	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>The Questionnaire for Verifying Stroke-Free Status (QVSS) is a practical instrument for confirming absence of previous symptomatic stroke or transient ischemic attack in control subjects participating in stroke research.</p> <p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>The questionnaire for Verifying Stroke-Free Status (QVSFS), an 8-item structured questionnaire, was designed to quickly and accurately identify prospectively screened study subjects who are free of symptomatic cerebrovascular disease.</p> <p><b>Time</b></p> <p>Administration time is 5 minutes or less for all subjects.</p> <p><b>Scoring</b></p> <p>QVSFS scores range from 0 (no questions positive) to 8 (all 8 questions positive). Subjects were considered QVSFS negative (stroke/TIA free) if their sum score was 0. If any of the 8 items were positive (sum score 1 to 8), the QVSFS was considered positive (not stroke/TIA free). Any question that was answered “unknown” was scored as a negative response.</p> <p><b>Psychometric Properties</b></p> <p>The QVSFS can effectively identify stroke-free individuals with a high degree of accuracy, even in a population with a large proportion of patients with prior stroke or TIA. Accuracy for identifying subjects with stroke and/or TIA is lower, but the QVSFS may still be useful as a screening tool in that regard.</p>

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