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Evaluation of the hospital accreditation program: Cultural adaptation and questionnaire validation

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The discussion on more efficient models of health systems has been gaining new ground after the various reforms implemented in several countries, including Brazil. However, evaluation of health services can only be conducted by establishing criteria, standards and indicators determined in quality programs that are specific for this purpose, such as hospital accreditation programs. This study aimed to describe the results of face and content validation of the questionnaire entitled Quality Improvement Implementation Survey, and of two complementary scales as part of the adaptation process to the Brazilian language and culture. The method included the following stages: (1) translation and synthesis of translations; (2) consideration by the expert committee; (3) back translation; (4) evaluation of verbal understanding by the target population. As a result, the questionnaire was translated into Portuguese and its final version included 90 items. In the pre-test, the target population evaluated all items as easy to understand, with the global average of 4.58 (maximum value=5). The questionnaire is currently translated into Portuguese and adapted to the Brazilian context. The adapted version maintained the semantic, idiomatic, conceptual and cultural equivalence, according to the assessment of the expert committee and the information provided by the target population, which confirmed the face and content validity. It is expected that, through an instrument adapted to the Brazilian reality, it will be possible to identify and measure weaknesses and potentialities related to the accreditation program, to understand how this process affects the hospitals and results from their implementation.

Biography

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