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Measurement Issues in Intervention Research

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Although many excellent texts have been written on general principles of instrumentation (e.g., McDowell & Newell, 1996; Nunnally, 1978; Nunnally & Bernstein, 1994; Rosenthal & Rosnow, 1991), few of them provide concise statements concerning the practical application of measurement issues to the selection and development of instruments for new projects. The primary goals of this chapter are to provide a) a guide that includes an organizational structure for making decisions concerning instrument selection, development, and evaluation, b) a practically oriented discussion of the basic issues involved in such decisions, and c) specific examples of measures that are appropriate for use in caregiver intervention research.

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