

Incontinence Impact Questionnaire (IIQ) and Urogenital Distress Inventory (UDI) FAQs

What will be mailed with the purchase of the IIQ & UDI instruments?

The IIQ & UDI long and short forms are mailed with the scoring manual which provides information about how to interpret the results of the questionnaires and what the ranges are that determine the severity of incontinence.

How many copies of the IIQ & UDI are mailed after purchase? Can additional copies be made?

Once payment is received, one copy of the IIQ & UDI -long and short versions and scoring manual will be mailed. Once received, the purchaser can make as many copies as needed for the study these instruments were purchased for.

If the questionnaires are purchased, can other patients use them in the future who were part of the research study they were purchased for?

Yes, as long as the research study the instruments were purchased for continues, patients can keep using them.

Is the one-time-only administrative fee the same if the questionnaires are going to be used for research?

Yes, the instruments and scoring manual will only be mailed once a payment of \$250 is received whether your project is a clinical or a research study.

Is the one-time-only administrative fee charged each for the IIQ & UDI instruments?

No, the \$250 administrative fee includes both the long and short form and the scoring manual.

Does OWIMS have a mechanism in place for international bank transfers to purchase these instruments?

Yes, please email sashburn@wakehealth.edu with your intention to purchase the instruments via international bank transfer. In order for us to mail you the instruments once we are notified of the transfer, please also include the completed [Request Form](#) with your email.

Are the long and short forms of the IIQ & UDI available electronically?

Currently we do not have these instruments available electronically.

What is IIQ-7 and UDI-6?

IIQ-7 refers to the long form:

Shumaker SA, Wyman JF, Uebersax JS, McClish D, Fantl JA.

Health-related quality of life measures for women with urinary incontinence: the Incontinence Impact Questionnaire and the Urogenital Distress Inventory. Continence Program in Women (CPW) Research Group. Qual Life Res. 1994 Oct;3(5):291-306.

and UDI-6 refers to the short form:

Uebersax JS, Wyman JF, Shumaker SA, McClish DK, Fantl JA.

Short forms to assess life quality and symptom distress for urinary incontinence in women: the Incontinence Impact Questionnaire and the Urogenital Distress Inventory. Continence Program for Women Research Group. NeuroUrol Urodyn. 1995;14(2):131-9.

Will the instrument remain valid if only a portion of the questions are used?

No, validity of the measure is based upon inclusion of all questions in the inventory.

Do you require that the questionnaires are used in the format (no change to the questions or responses) as presented by OWIMS?

Any changes made to the format, questions or responses invalidates the questionnaires.

Are the IIQ & UDI instruments only validated for use with women?

Yes, these instruments are only validated for use in women.

Are either of the IIQ or UDI forms valid in examining women (pre-treatment or post-treatment) who are asymptomatic?

The original papers were not validated for examining women (pre- or post-treatment) who are asymptomatic. Someone may have used them in the arena since their original development, but we are not aware of published articles to that affect.

Are there versions of these papers validated in other languages?

We have found the following validated language versions:

Blanc E., Hermieu JF, Ravery V, Moulinier F, Delmas V, Boccon-Gibod L. Value of the use of a questionnaire in the evaluation of incontinence surgery. Prog Urol 1999;9:88-94.

In this study French versions of the UDI-6 and the IIQ-7 were used.

El-Azab AS, Mascha EJ. Arabic validation of the Urogenital Distress Inventory and Adapted Incontinence Impact Questionnaires--short forms. *Neurourol Urodyn.* 2009;28(1):33-9.
(Arabic IIQ-7)

Altaweel W, Seyam R, Mokhtar A, Kumar P, Hanash K. Arabic validation of the short form of Urogenital Distress Inventory (UDI-6) questionnaire. *Neurourol Urodyn.* 2009;28(4):330-4.
(Arabic UDI-6)

Cam C, Sakalli M, Ay P, Cam M, Karateke A. Validation of the short forms of the incontinence impact questionnaire (IIQ-7) and the urogenital distress inventory (UDI-6) in a Turkish population. *Neurourol Urodyn.*
(Turkish short forms)

Will there be a significant difference in scoring if two decimal points vs more are used?

Overall, both instruments produce a whole number score. That is, any decimals that occur in the preliminary calculations are rounded to a whole number for the final score (0-100).