

Validated scale for neurological status assessment in MPAN patients.

Rating scales for clinical symptoms severity are an important part of patient management as they represent a way to assess disease severity, any improvement or deterioration, and impact treatment decisions. Developing scales for specific diseases is necessary to address the spectrum of clinical symptoms. After scale development, it has to be validated before it is used in clinical practice. The MPAN Disease Rating Scale is divided into three parts. The first part – for daily living activities - had been pre-tested with patients (so-called: cognitive pre-testing) with patients' suggestions for the answers. The second part of the scale is testing dementia – mostly memory and thinking, as visual and motor problems might impact the result. The third part is for neurological assessment. Each assessed item had been given instructions for the assessment and the answer options across the scale are unified.