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Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305),  
Food and Drug Administration,  
5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061,  
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Dear Sir:

The International Society for Quality of Life Studies commends the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, on the draft document entitled "Guidance for Industry: Patient-Reported Outcome Measures: Use in Medical Product Development to Support Labelling Claims."

We are particularly impressed with the clear distinction made in this document, between Health Related Quality of Life (1058-1065) as a Patient Reported Outcome, and Quality of Life (1082-1084) as a broader construct embracing both health-related and non-health aspects of life. It is our hope that this distinction remains in the final form of this document.

Sincerely,

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