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## **The Case For Personally-Salient, Environmentally-Sensitive Health Outcome Measures.**

### **Abstract**

Recent advances in well-being outcome measures are now demonstrating their value in health outcome measurement. In particular, assessment tools developed from idiographic measures that can be analyzed both ipsatively and nomothetically are proving their worth in large-scale studies. A theoretical argument is made that measures which meet certain propaedeutic criteria for measurement should at least complement, if not supplant, existing measures that lend themselves to less fine-grained analytical procedures. In particular, measures that tap into personally-salient elements in the immediate social ecology of the respondent are put forward as potentially superior indicators of well-being status and changes in well-being. This argument is supplemented with illustrations from extant research as well as some preliminary empirical data from an ongoing large-scale study which demonstrate the utility of such measures.

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