Supplementary Data

Appendix 1. Comparison of mean SF-36 domain scores derived from national surveys

Country	PF	RP	BP	GH	VT	SF
New Zealand [18]	86.0	80.7	77.9	73.8	65.6	86.6
Australia [26]	82.6	79.9	76.8	71.6	64.5	85.0
Canada [27]	85.8	82.1	75.6	77.0	65.8	86.2
Holland [28]	83.0	76.4	74.9	70.7	68.6	84.0
UK [29]	81.0	80.0	77.0	69.0	63.0	85.0
USA [16]	84.2	81.0	75.2	72.0	60.9	83.2

PF = physical functioning; RP = role limitations due to physical problems; BP = bodily pain; GH = general health; VT = vitality; SF = social functioning; RE = Role limitations due to emotional problems; MH = mental health.