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Convergent validity of the PROMIS®-PA with wearable devices and comparisons between different recall timeframes in Adolescents

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Statement of the Problem: The Patient Reported Outcome Measurement Information System (PROMIS)®, supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), developed many psychometrically robust self-reported outcome measures. The convergent validity of the Pediatric Physical Activity instrument (PROMIS®-PA [8-item short form]) with an objective PA monitoring using wearable sensors needs to be investigated. Our study was conducted mainly to examine convergent validity of PROMIS-PA with step counts from wearable devices and another validated self-reported outcome measure. The PROMIS-PA instrument uses a 7-day recall period, which requires recall over an extended period and may contain recall bias. As a secondary aim, we explored the effect of different recall timeframes (7-day, end of day [EoD], and ecological momentary assessment [EMA] during day) in terms of feasibility and associations with each other and with step counts.

Methodology: This is a prospective cohort study examining the associations between measures of PA in school age children and adolescents (n = 84, aged 10-20). Participants wore Fitbit devices for 7 consecutive days and then completed the 7-day recall PROMIS-PA short form and Youth Activity Profile (YAP). Additional analyses were completed in a subsample (n = 25, aged 11-18 years) using PROMIS-PA for EMA at 5 intervals during the day (shorter form) and EoD. Findings: In the total sample, PROMIS-PA showed positive moderate correlations with the YAP and average daily steps (r = 0.533, P < 0.001 and r = 0.346, P = 0.002; respectively). In the sub-sample, 7-day PROMIS-PA was highly correlated with the averaged EMA or EoD ratings for the week, and moderately correlated with daily step counts.

Conclusion & Significance: These findings support the validity of the PROMIS-PA as a measure of self-reported physical activity. Adolescents demonstrate higher compliance rates and preference for the 7-day recall and EoD compared to more frequent EMA reporting.

Biography

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