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Valorization

The research performed for this thesis contributes to understanding the individual as he/she incurs impairment and disability, and the barriers and encouraging factors propelling him/her to gain benefit from hearing rehabilitation. Attention to understanding the position of the individual on the patient journey clarifies what care is appropriate, reducing waste of health services, and increasing the effectiveness of health services given. Moreover, the application of methodologies for applying Patient Reported Outcomes provides an example as to how these methodologies can be applied to health questionnaires targeting other health outcomes. The application of IRT to fine tune questionnaires to assess health status should not only help determine more optimal health care but increase the effectiveness of health care provided as well.