1) Choice of three health professionals trained in applying the ICF and linking rules who linked PROs independently

2) Linking concepts contained in health status measures to the ICF/ICF-CY categories

3) Identification of meaningful concepts contained within the items of the measures and translation of meaningful concepts into corresponding categories

4) Discussion of linking process, especially disagreements among the linking persons

5) Concepts that could not be linked to the ICF/ICF-CY were documented in two ways

“Not definable (nd)”
If it was not possible to specify sufficiently which category to use, not being precise enough to be linked (e.g. concepts such as ‘physical disability or ‘health’)

“Not covered (nc)”
If a concept was not represented by the ICF/ICF-CY, e.g. related to “personal factors” (e.g. sex, gender, education), “disease conditions” or “diagnoses