



## KEY POINT SUMMARY

### OBJECTIVES

To develop a tool to assess the content and quality of information in briefing documents. A well-developed brief is important because “The brief is essential for capturing users’ needs and guides the whole building process from planning to construction.”



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## Development of the Content and Quality in Briefs Instrument (CQB-I)

Elf, M., Engstram, M., Wijk, H. 2012 | *Health Environments Research and Design Journal* Volume 5, Issue 3, Pages 74-88

### Key Concepts/Context

A tool is needed to assess the content and quality of information in briefing documents. One is not currently available.

### Methods

Items for the tool were generated, reviewed by expert panels, and then the instrument tested for reliability via assessments of inter-rater reliability and stability.

### Findings

An effective, valid, and reliable instrument, the Content and Quality in Briefs Instrument was developed.

### Design Implications

Use the instrument developed to assess briefs!

### Limitations

Experts assessed content validity; more sophisticated assessments can be made as data are collected using this and similar instruments to be developed in the future. The test sample of briefs was small.