

## 5 Reliability

As each scale is represented by one item, the reliability of the coop/wonca charts can only be assessed by a test-retest study. The test-retest reliability of the original Dartmouth version was satisfactory (Nelson et al. 1990). In a Dutch test-retest study which used the coop function charts test-retest coefficients ranged over an interval of three weeks from  $r = 0.67$  to  $0.82$ , Kappa's =  $0.49$  to  $0.59$ , and over an interval of one year  $r = 0.36$  to  $0.72$ , Kappa's =  $0.31$  -  $0.38$  (Meyboom-de Jong & Smith, 1990).

The test-retest reliability of the (Dutch version of the) coop/wonca charts has not yet been assessed. However, it can be assumed that it will not much differ from the coop function charts, given the similarities between the two versions.