

PEDIATRIC SYMPTOM CHECKLIST-17 (PSC-17)

Filled out by: _____ Record #: _____

Child's DOB: _____ Today's Date: _____

Emotional and physical health go together in children. Because parents are often the first to notice a problem with their child's behavior, emotions, or learning, you may help your child get the best care possible by answering these questions. Please indicate which statement best describes your child.

Please mark under the heading that best describes your child:		NEVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
◆	Fidgety, unable to sit still	0	1	2
*	Feels sad, unhappy	0	1	2
◆	Daydreams too much	0	1	2
□	Refuses to share	0	1	2
□	Does not understand other people's feelings	0	1	2
*	Feels hopeless	0	1	2
◆	Has trouble concentrating	0	1	2
□	Fights with other children	0	1	2
*	Is down on him or herself	0	1	2
□	Blames others for his or her trouble	0	1	2
*	Seems to be having less fun	0	1	2
□	Does not listen to rules	0	1	2
◆	Acts as if driven by a motor	0	1	2
□	Teases others	0	1	2
*	Worries a lot	0	1	2
□	Takes things that do not belong to him or her	0	1	2
◆	Distracted easily	0	1	2

OFFICE USE ONLY			
Total ◆	Total □	Total *	Grand Total ◆+□+*
_____	_____	_____	_____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCORING

- The PSC-17 is a shortened version of the PSC-35 and consists of 17 items.
- Each item is rated as “NEVER,” “SOMETIMES,” or “OFTEN” present and scored 0, 1, and 2 respectively.
- The total score is calculated by adding together the score for each of the 17 items.

Positive PSC-17 score ≥ 15

- Attention, externalizing and internalizing subscale scores are calculated by adding the score for each corresponding symbol:
 - ◆ = Attention, *positive score ≥ 7*
 - = Externalizing, *positive score ≥ 7*
 - * = Internalizing, *positive score ≥ 5*

HOW TO INTERPRET

- As with the PSC-35, the PSC-17 is *not* meant to be used as a diagnostic tool.

A positive score on the PSC-17 or any of the subscales suggests the need for further evaluation by a qualified health (e.g., M.D., R.N.) or mental health (e.g., Ph.D., L.I.C.S.W.) professional.

PSC-17 VALIDATION (GARDNER ET AL. 1999)

- The PSC-17 subscales have obtained reasonable agreement with validated and accepted parent-report instruments for internalizing, externalizing, and attention problems.
- Cronbach’s α was high for each subscale, i.e., the items in each subscale have similar meanings for a parent reporting his/her impressions of his/her child.
- Both false positives and false negatives occur, and only an experienced health professional should interpret a positive PSC health score as anything other than a suggestion that further evaluation may be helpful.

YOUTH PEDIATRIC SYMPTOM CHECKLIST-17 (Y PSC-17)

Name: _____ Record #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Today's Date: _____

Please mark under the heading that best fits you:		NEVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
◆	Fidgety, unable to sit still	0	1	2
*	Feel sad, unhappy	0	1	2
◆	Daydream too much	0	1	2
□	Refuse to share	0	1	2
□	Do not understand other people's feelings	0	1	2
*	Feel hopeless	0	1	2
◆	Have trouble concentrating	0	1	2
□	Fight with other children	0	1	2
*	Down on yourself	0	1	2
□	Blame others for your troubles	0	1	2
*	Seem to be having less fun	0	1	2
□	Do not listen to rules	0	1	2
◆	Act as if driven by a motor	0	1	2
□	Tease others	0	1	2
*	Worry a lot	0	1	2
□	Take things that do not belong to you	0	1	2
◆	Distract easily	0	1	2

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