

Autism Checklist

Patient Name: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: This scale rates three prominent symptom clusters associated with Autism: social, communicative, and behavioral impairments. Respond to each statement as best you can using the answer key below:

0 = Not a problem 1 = Mild problem 2 = Moderate problem 3 = Severe problem

SOCIAL	Not a Problem	Mild	Moderate	Severe
1. Does not pay attention to social stimuli	0	1	2	3
2. Does not follow simple commands	0	1	2	3
3. Has no social smile	0	1	2	3
4. Seems not to hear and/or covers ears at certain sounds	0	1	2	3
5. Does not respond to his or her own name	0	1	2	3
6. Not responsive to other people's feelings	0	1	2	3
7. Avoids eye contact	0	1	2	3
8. Resists being touched or held	0	1	2	3
9. Difficulty developing friendships	0	1	2	3
10. Lack of social or emotional relating to other people	0	1	2	3
Mean Item			Total Score	

COMMUNICATION	Not a Problem	Mild	Moderate	Severe
1. Speech and/or language delays	0	1	2	3
2. Speech has abnormal tone rhythm	0	1	2	3
3. Uses odd phrases or uses words in odd ways	0	1	2	3
4. Unable to initiate or sustain a conversation with others	0	1	2	3
5. Repeats words or phrases over and over	0	1	2	3
6. Echoes words or phrases made by others	0	1	2	3
7. Doesn't respond to other people's expressions or body language	0	1	2	3
8. Reverses pronouns (uses "you" for "I") or seldom uses pronouns	0	1	2	3
Mean Item			Total Score	

BEHAVIOR	Not a Problem	Mild	Moderate	Severe
1. Does not use toys appropriately	0	1	2	3
2. Strongly attached to routines or sameness in the environment	0	1	2	3
3. Flapping or other repetitive gestures	0	1	2	3
4. Odd preoccupations or interests	0	1	2	3
5. Rigid, inflexible, resistant to change	0	1	2	3
6. Persistent preoccupation with parts of objects	0	1	2	3
7. Touches, tastes or smells objects inappropriately	0	1	2	3
8. Does not respond normally to pain	0	1	2	3
9. Twirls, spins, bangs objects a lot	0	1	2	3
10. Prefers to manipulate or be occupied with inanimate things	0	1	2	3
Mean Item			Total Score	