ADHD-RS-IV WITH ADOLESCENT PROMPTS*

The ADHD-RS-IV with Adolescent Prompts is an 18-item scale based on the DSM-IV-TR® criteria for ADHD that provides a rating of the severity of symptoms. The adolescent prompts serve as a guide to explore more fully the extent and severity of ADHD symptoms and create a framework to ascertain impairment.

The first 9 items assess inattentive symptoms and the last 9 items assess hyperactive/impulsive symptoms. Scoring is based on a 4-point Likert-type severity scale: 0 = none, 1 = mild, 2 = moderate, 3 = severe. Clinicians should score the highest score that is generated for the prompts for each item. Example: If one prompt generates a "2" and all others are a "1," by convention, the rating for that item is still a "2."

Significant symptoms in clinical trials are generally considered at least a "2" - moderate.

	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe		None	Mild	Moderate	Severe
1. Carelessness	0	1	2	3	5. Can't organize	0	1	2	3
Do you make a lot of mistakes in school or work? Is this because you're careless?					Do you have trouble organizing tasks into ordered steps?				
Do you rush through work or activities?					Is it hard prioritizing work and chores?				
Do you have trouble with detailed work?					Do you need others to plan for you?				
Do you not check your work?					Do you have trouble with time management? Does it cause problems?				
Do people complain that you're careless? Are you messy or sloppy?					Do you have trouble planning long-term projects				
Is your desk, locker at school, or workspace					at school, like term papers or large lab reports? Do your parents have to help you plan?				
so messy that you have difficulty finding things? Do your parents have to repetitively ask you					Does difficulty in planning lead to procrastination and putting off tasks until the last moment possible.)			
to clean your room?									
2. Difficulty sustaining attention in activities	0	1	2	3	6. Avoids/dislikes tasks requiring sustained mental effort	0	1	2	3
Do you have trouble paying attention when watching movies, reading, or attending lectures? Or on fun activities such as sports or board games?					Do you avoid tasks (work, chores, reading, board games) that are challenging or lengthy because it's hard to stay focused on these things for a long time?	:			
Is it hard for you to keep your mind on school or work?					Do you have to force yourself to do these tasks? How hard is (was) it?				
Do you have trouble paying attention when instant messaging?					Do you procrastinate and put off tasks until the last moment possible?				
Do you have unusual trouble staying focused on boring or repetitive tasks, like doing chores around					Do your parents have to remind you to do things you don't want to do?				
the house? Does it take a lot longer than it should to complete tasks because you can't keep your mind on the task?					Is it harder for you to do things you are not interested in than it is for your friends?				
Is it even harder for you than some others you know?					7. Loses important items	0	1	2	2
Do you have trouble remembering what you read and do you need to reread the same passage several times?					Do you lose things (eg, important work papers, homework, your school planner, keys, wallet, coats, etc.)?	V	1	2	3
3. Doesn't listen	0	1	2	3	Have you misplaced things such as your cell phone				
Do people (your boss, colleagues, friends) complain that you don't seem to listen or respond (or daydream) when spoken to or when asked to do tasks? A lot?					or school planner? A lot? More than others? Are you constantly looking for important items? Do you get into trouble for this (work, school,				
Do people (your friends or parents) have to repeat directions?					home)? Do you need to put items (eg, glasses, wallet, leave) in the same place such time, etherwise				
Do you have trouble remembering driving directions unless you write them down?					keys) in the same place each time, otherwise you will lose them?				
Do you find that you miss the key parts of					8. Easily distractible	0	1	2	2
conversations because of drifting off in your own thoughts? Does it cause problems?					Are you ever very easily distracted by events around you such as noise (conversation, tv, radio), movement, or clutter?	U	1	2	3
4. No follow through					When you are in the classroom and there is				
Do you have trouble finishing things (such as work or chores)?	0	1	2	3	interruption, is it hard to get your mind back on the work at hand?				
Do your parents have to remind you to complete things? Is this a problem?					Do you need relative isolation to get work done? Can almost anything get your mind off of what				
When working on a group project at school, do your peers have to remind you to finish your part of the project?					you are (were) doing (like work, chores, or if you're talking to someone)? Is it hard to get back to a task, like doing				
Do you often leave things half done and start another project?					homework, once you stop?				
Do you need consequences (such as deadlines) to finish?									
Do you have trouble following instructions? (especially complex, multistep instructions that have to be done in a certain order with different steps)									
Is it a problem when you are putting on your make-up or putting together a model?									
Do you need to write down instructions, otherwise you will forget them?									

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9. Forgetful in daily activities	0	1	2	3	14. On the go, "driven by a motor"	0	1	2	3
Do you forget a lot of things in your daily routine? Like what? Attending a class? Chores?					Is it hard for you to slow down and do one thing for a long period of time?				
Work? Appointments or obligations? Meetings with friends?					Do you feel like you (often) have a lot of energy and that you always have to be moving,				
Do you forget to bring things to school or work, such as school or work materials or					are always "on the go"? Do you feel like you're driven by a motor?				
assignments due that day?					Do you feel unable to relax? Does it interfere				
Do you need to write regular reminders to yourself to do most activities or tasks, otherwise you will forget?					with your ability to fall asleep at night?				
If you don't write something in your school					15. Talks excessively	0	1	2	3
planner are you likely to forget to do it?					Do you talk a lot? All the time? More than other people?				
10. Squirms or fidgets	0	1	2	3	Do you talk out of turn in class?				
Can you sit still or are you always moving your hands or feet, or fidgeting in your chair?					Do people (parents, teachers, friends) complain about your talking? Is it a problem?				
Do you tap your pencil or your feet? A lot? Do people notice?					Are you often louder than the people you are talking to?				
Do you regularly play with your hair or clothing?					16. Blurts out answers	0	1	2	3
Do you consciously resist fidgeting or squirming?					Do you give answers to questions before				
Do the teachers comment on your fidgeting or squirming at school?					someone finishes asking? Do your teachers complain about answering				
Do your parents comment on your fidgeting or squirming at the dinner table?					their questions prematurely?				
Is it difficult for you when you cannot be					Do you say things before it is your turn?				
physically active?		_			Do you say things that don't fit into the conversation? With your parents? Friends? Classmates?				
11. Can't stay seated	0	1	2	3	Do you do things without thinking? A lot?				
Do you have trouble staying in your seat? At work? In class? At home (eg, watching tv, eating dinner)? In church or temple? When playing video games?					17. Can't wait for turn	0	1	2	3
Do you choose to walk around rather than sit?					Is it hard for you to wait your turn in conversation, when playing games, in				
Do you have to force yourself to remain seated?					lines (like the lunchroom), or while driving?				
Is it difficult for you to sit through a long meeting,					Are you frequently frustrated with delays?				
class, or lecture? Do teachers ever comment on you inability to remain seated?	our				Do your parents comment on your trouble				
Do you try to avoid going to functions that					waiting? Does it cause problems?				
require you to sit still for long periods of time?				_	Do you put a great deal of effort into planning to not be in situations where you might have to wait?				
12. Runs/climbs excessively	0	1	2	3					
Are you physically restless?					18. Intrudes or interrupts others		_	_	_
Do you feel restless inside? A lot? Do you feel more agitated when you cannot					Do you talk when others are talking without waiting until you are acknowledged?	0	1	2	3
exercise on an almost daily basis? Do you have trouble staying seated at the					Do you butt into others' (your parents', friends', or siblings') conversations before being invited?				
table through an entire meal?					Do you interrupt others' activities when they are busy? Do you have trouble waiting for				
13. Can't play/work quietly	0	1	2	3	your parents to finish something they are				
Do you have a hard time playing quietly?					doing before asking them a question?				
During leisure activity (nonstructured times or on your own, such as reading a book, surfing the Internet, listening to music, playing a board game) are you agitated or unhappy?					Is it hard for you to wait to get your point across in conversations or at meetings?				•
Do you always need to be busy after school, work, or when your family goes on vacation?									

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