

Wender Utah Rating Scale for the Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Overview:

The Wender Utah Rating Scale can be used to assess adults for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder with a subset of 25 questions associated with that diagnosis.

Wender Utah Rating Scale

- 61 questions answered by the adult patient recalling his or her childhood behavior
- 5 possible responses scored from 0 to 4 points

	As a child I was (or had):	not at all or very slightly	mildly	moder- ately	quite a bit	very much
1	active restless always on the go	0	1	2	3	4
2	afraid of things	0	1	2	3	4
3	concentration problems easily distracted	0	1	2	3	4
4	anxious worrying	0	1	2	3	4
5	nervous fidgety	0	1	2	3	4
6	inattentive daydreaming	0	1	2	3	4
7	hot- or short-tempered low boiling point	0	1	2	3	4
8	shy sensitive	0	1	2	3	4
9	temper outbursts tantrums	0	1	2	3	4
10	trouble with stick-to-it-tiveness not following through. failing to finish things started	0	1	2	3	4
11	stubborn strong-willed	0	1	2	3	4
12	sad or blue depressed unhappy	0	1	2	3	4
13	incautious. dare-devilish involved in pranks	0	1	2	3	4
14	not getting a kick out of things dissatisfied with life	0	1	2	3	4
15	disobedient with parents rebellious sassy	0	1	2	3	4
16	low opinion of myself	0	1	2	3	4
17	irritable	0	1	2	3	4

		not at all or very slightly	mildly	moder- ately	quite a bit	very much
18	outgoing friendly enjoyed company of people	0	1	2	3	4
19	sloppy disorganized	0	1	2	3	4
20	moody ups and downs	0	1	2	3	4
21	angry	0	1	2	3	4
22	friends popular	0	1	2	3	4
23	well-organized tidy neat	0	1	2	3	4
24	acting without thinking impulsive	0	1	2	3	4
25	tendency to be immature	0	1	2	3	4
26	guilty feelings regretful	0	1	2	3	4
27	losing control of myself	0	1	2	3	4
28	tendency to be or act irrational	0	1	2	3	4
29	unpopular with other children didn't keep friends for long didn't get along with other children	0	1	2	3	4
30	poorly coordinated did not participate in sports	0	1	2	3	4
31	afraid of losing control of self	0	1	2	3	4
32	well-coordinated picked first in games	0	1	2	3	4
33	tomboyish (for women only)	0	1	2	3	4
34	running away from home	0	1	2	3	4
35	getting into fights	0	1	2	3	4
36	teasing other children	0	1	2	3	4
37	leader bossy	0	1	2	3	4
38	difficulty getting awake	0	1	2	3	4
39	follower led around too much	0	1	2	3	4
40	trouble seeing things from someone else's point of view	0	1	2	3	4
41	trouble with authorities trouble with school visits to principal's office	0	1	2	3	4
42	trouble with police booked convicted	0	1	2	3	4

	Medical problems as a child	not at all or very slightly	mildly	moderately	quite a bit	very much
43	headaches	0	1	2	3	4
44	stomachaches	0	1	2	3	4
45	constipation	0	1	2	3	4
46	diarrhea	0	1	2	3	4
47	food allergies	0	1	2	3	4
48	other allergies	0	1	2	3	4
49	bedwetting	0	1	2	3	4
	As a child in school I was (or had)	not at all or very slightly	mildly	moderately	quite a bit	very much
50	overall a good student fast	0	1	2	3	4
51	overall a poor student slow learner	0	1	2	3	4
52	slow in learning to read	0	1	2	3	4
53	slow reader	0	1	2	3	4
54	trouble reversing letters	0	1	2	3	4
55	problems with spelling	0	1	2	3	4
56	trouble with mathematics or numbers	0	1	2	3	4
57	bad handwriting	0	1	2	3	4
58	able to read pretty well but never really enjoyed reading	0	1	2	3	4
59	not achieving up to potential	0	1	2	3	4
60	repeating grades	0	1	2	3	4
61	suspended or expelled	0	1	2	3	4

Questions Associated with ADHD

- 25 of the questions were associated with ADHD as follows:

	As a child I was (or had):
3	concentration problems easily distracted
4	anxious worrying
5	nervous fidgety
6	inattentive daydreaming
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9	temper outbursts tantrums
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28	tendency to be or act irrational
29	unpopular with other children didn't keep friends for long didn't get along with other children
40	trouble seeing things from someone else's point of view
41	trouble with authorities trouble with school visits to principal's office
	As a child in school I was (or had)
51	overall a poor student slow learner
56	trouble with mathematics or numbers
59	not achieving up to potential

Wender Utah rating scale subscore = _____ (sum of 25 questions associated with ADHD)

Interpretation:

- minimum score for the 25 questions is 0
- maximum score 100
- if a cutoff score of 46 was used 86 of patients with ADHD 99 of normal persons and 81% of depressed subjects were correctly classified

References:

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