

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Filled out by: _____ Today's Date: _____

Pediatric Symptom Checklist 17 (PSC-17)

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 her self	0	1	2
●	Blames others for his or her troubles	0	1	2
■	Seems to have 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

Total	◆	_____	Total	●	_____	Total	■	_____	◆ + ● + ■	_____
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Pediatric Symptom Checklist 17 Scoring

Instructions for Scoring

The *Pediatric Symptom Checklist-17* (PSC-17) is a psychosocial screen designed to facilitate the recognition of cognitive, emotional, and behavioral problems so that appropriate interventions can be initiated as early as possible.

The PSC-17 consists of 17 items that are rated as "Never," "Sometimes," or "Often" present. A value of 0 is assigned to "Never", 1 to "Sometimes," and 2 to "Often". The total score is calculated by adding together the score for each of the 17 items. Items that are left blank are simply ignored (i.e., score equals 0). If four or more items are left blank, the questionnaire is considered invalid.

A PSC-17 score of 15 or higher suggests the presence of significant behavioral or emotional problems.

To determine what kinds of mental health problems are present, determine the 3 factor scores on the PSC:

■ The PSC-17 Internalizing Subscale (Cutoff 5 or more items):

- Feels sad, unhappy
- Feels hopeless
- Is down on self
- Seems to be having less fun
- Worries a lot

◆ The PSC-17 Attention Subscale (Cutoff 7 or more items):

- Fidgety, unable to sit still
- Daydreams too much
- Has trouble concentrating
- Acts as if driven by a motor
- Distracted easily

● The PSC-17 Externalizing Subscale (Cutoff 7 or more items):

- Refuses to share
- Does not understand other people's feelings
- Fights with other children
- Blames others for his/her troubles
- Does not listen to rules
- Teases others
- Takes things that do not belong to him/her