Brown Executive Function/Attention Scales (Brown EF/A Scales™)

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Quickly assess DSM-5 symptoms of ADHD along with less apparent impairments of executive functioning

ADHD is a complex impairment that impacts academic, social, emotional, and behavioral development for both children and adults. As an update to the widely used Brown ADD Scales™ the Brown EF/A Scales go beyond other measures to screen and assess a wider range of impairments of executive functioning and attention.

What makes Brown EF/A Scales different?

**Helps address situational variability:** The Brown EF/A Scales provide a comprehensive evaluation of an individual’s ADHD symptoms by analyzing their behavior using multiple perspectives: the examinee’s self-perspective, teacher’s perspective and parents’ perspective.

**Items are more specific and contextual:** Included items are more specific and ask about difficulties they might encounter in a specific context, e.g. difficulty remembering what has been read (when reading is assigned, not self-selected texts).

**Focus on severity as opposed to frequency:** Unlike other instruments, the Brown focuses on specific behaviors as opposed to frequency. This allows examinees to directly and more accurately report symptoms they perceive to be problems.

**Includes DSM-5 symptoms of ADHD and more:** In addition to diagnostic criteria for ADHD defined in DSM-5, the Brown EF/A Scales also assess other important aspects of executive function impairments found in persons with ADHD, but not yet included in DSM-5.

**Based on Dr. Brown’s model of Executive Functions:** The Brown EF/A Scales are based on Dr. Brown’s six cluster model of executive functions that has been well recognized and explained in books and articles for more than a decade.

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