## **EXCELLENT PEDIATRICS**

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## ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

### **Introduction:**

Over-diagnosed? Under-diagnosed? Probably both - and certainly real. **Attention Deficit Disorder** and **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder** affect children's school performance and their relationships with others. Parents who are wondering if their children have ADD/ADHD are often exhausted and frustrated.

## What is it?

ADD/ADHD is a problem with inattentiveness, over-activity, impulsivity, or some combination of these. Scientific studies show that the brains of children with ADD/ADHD are different from those of other children. These children handle brain chemicals differently from their peers. Whatever the specific cause may be, it seems to be set in motion very early in life as the brain is developing. Symptoms are usually present before 5 years old. Other problems, such as depression, sleep deprivation, specific learning disabilities, tic disorders, and oppositional/aggressive behavior problems, may be confused with or appear along with ADD/ADHD. Every child suspected of having ADD/ADHD deserves a careful evaluation to sort out exactly what is contributing to his concerning behaviors. Most children with ADD/ADHD also have at least one other developmental or behavioral problem.

The symptoms of ADHD are divided into those of inattentiveness and hyperactivity/impulsivity.

## Inattention

- 1. Often fails to give close attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork, work, or other activities
- 2. Often has difficulty sustaining attention in tasks or play activities
- 3. Often does not seem to listen when spoken to directly
- 4. Often does not follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork, chores, or duties in the workplace (not due to oppositional behavior or failure to understand instructions)
- 5. Often has difficulty organizing tasks and activities
- 6. Often avoids, dislikes, or is reluctant to engage in tasks that require sustained mental effort (such as schoolwork or homework)
- 7. Often loses things necessary for tasks or activities (e.g., school assignments, pencils, books, or tools)

## **Hyperactivity**

- 1. Often fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat
- 2. Often leaves seat in classroom or in other situations in which remaining seated is expected
- 3. Often runs about or climbs excessively in situations in which it is inappropriate (in adolescents or adults, may be limited to subjective feelings of restlessness)
- 4. Often has difficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities quietly
- 5. Is often "on the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor". Often talks excessively.

### **Impulsivity**

- 1. Often blurts out answers before questions have been completed
- 2. Often has difficulty awaiting turn
- 3. Often interrupts or intrudes on others (e.g., butts into conversations or games)

We will ask you the parent/guardian and the students' teacher to complete a questionnaire before prescribing any medication. Additionally, we may require additional evaluations. ADD/ADHD is most often treated with medications that alter brain chemistry. All of these medications are potentially dangerous with side effects, and must be monitored on the regular basis.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information [	provided (	on this form.
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NAME:_	DATE:
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### ADHD CARDIAC SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

Please list your current medications, including any health supplementations or natural food supplements:

Please explain all "YES" answers in lines below.	YES	NO
Have you or anyone in your family ever lost consciousness or fainted?		
Have you or anyone in your family ever lost consciousness or fainted DURING or AFTER EXERCISE?		
Have you ever had chest pain, chest discomfort, or shortness of breath DURING EXERCISE?		
Have you ever had an unexplained, noticeable change in exercise tolerance, where you became tired for no reason?		
Have you ever had palpitations of the heart, heart racing without reason, or extra or skipped heart beats?		
Have you ever had a heart murmur OTHER THAN an innocent/benign heart murmur, or history of any other heart problem?		
Have you ever had high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or a heart infection?		
Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart such as an ECG or echocardiogram?		
Have you or anyone in your family ever had a seizure?		
Have you ever had rheumatic fever, or disease of the heart valves?		
Has anyone in your family died suddenly for no apparent reason, for example, by drowning, or a car accident, or by just dropping over?		
Has anyone in your family under age 50 died suddenly from a cardiac cause or had a heart attack?		
Has anyone in your family under age 40 ever required resuscitation for example, fainting and needing someone to revive him or her?		
Has anyone in your family died suddenly during exercise?		
Has anyone in your family had abnormal rhythms of the heart, cardiomyopathy or problems with the heart muscle, Wolff-Parkinson-White syndorme, long QT syndrome, or any other heart syndrome?		
Is there anyone in the family with Marfan syndrome?		

Please explain all "YES"	answers here, or note any other concerns you have about your heart health or	
that of family members:		
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Questions are based upon American Heart Association and American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations for cardiac screening, as well as from Vetter et al, Cardiovascular monitoring of children and adolescents with heart disease receiving stimulant drugs. *Circulation*. 2008 May 6;117(18):2407-23.

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D:	NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scale—P	ARENT	Informant		
Toda	y's Date: Child's Name:		Date o	of Birth:	
Pare	nt's Name: Parent's	Phone N	Number:		
	ctions: Each rating should be considered in the context of what is app When completing this form, please think about your child's be is evaluation based on a time when the child \(\sime\) was on medicatio	haviors	in the past <u>6 mo</u>	onths.	
Sy	mptoms	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
1.	Does not pay attention to details or makes careless mistakes with, for example, homework	0	1	2	3
2.	Has difficulty keeping attention to what needs to be done	0	1	2	3
3.	Does not seem to listen when spoken to directly	0	1	2	3
4.	Does not follow through when given directions and fails to finish activities (not due to refusal or failure to understand)	0	1	2	3
5.	Has difficulty organizing tasks and activities	0	1	2	3
6.	Avoids, dislikes, or does not want to start tasks that require ongoing mental effort	0	1	2	3
7.	Loses things necessary for tasks or activities (toys, assignments, pencils, or books)	0	1	2	3

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30. Is truant from school (skips school) without permission

8. Is easily distracted by noises or other stimuli

10. Fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat

17. Has difficulty waiting his or her turn

24. Is touchy or easily annoyed by others

27. Bullies, threatens, or intimidates others

26. Is spiteful and wants to get even

31. Is physically cruel to people 32. Has stolen things that have value

11. Leaves seat when remaining seated is expected

13. Has difficulty playing or beginning quiet play activities

16. Blurts out answers before questions have been completed

23. Blames others for his or her mistakes or misbehaviors

14. Is "on the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor"

12. Runs about or climbs too much when remaining seated is expected

18. Interrupts or intrudes in on others' conversations and/or activities

21. Actively defies or refuses to go along with adults' requests or rules

29. Lies to get out of trouble or to avoid obligations (ie, "cons" others)

9. Is forgetful in daily activities

15. Talks too much

19. Argues with adults

25. Is angry or resentful

28. Starts physical fights

22. Deliberately annoys people

20. Loses temper

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NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scale—PARENT Informant, continued

Symptoms (continued)	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
33. Deliberately destroys others' property	0	1	2	3
34. Has used a weapon that can cause serious harm (bat, knife, brick, gun)	0	1	2	3
35. Is physically cruel to animals	0	1	2	3
36. Has deliberately set fires to cause damage	0	1	2	3
37. Has broken into someone else's home, business, or car	0	1	2	3
38. Has stayed out at night without permission	0	1	2	3
39. Has run away from home overnight	0	1	2	3
40. Has forced someone into sexual activity	0	1	2	3
41. Is fearful, anxious, or worried	0	1	2	3
42. Is afraid to try new things for fear of making mistakes	0	1	2	3
43. Feels worthless or inferior	0	1	2	3
44. Blames self for problems, feels guilty	0	1	2	3
45. Feels lonely, unwanted, or unloved; complains that "no one loves him or he	r" 0	1	2	3
46. Is sad, unhappy, or depressed	0	1	2	3
47. Is self-conscious or easily embarrassed	0	1	2	3

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Performance	Excellent	Average	Average	Problem	Problematic
48. Overall school performance	1	2	3	4	5
49. Reading	1	2	3	4	5
50. Writing	1	2	3	4	5
51. Mathematics	1	2	3	4	5
52. Relationship with parents	1	2	3	4	5
53. Relationship with siblings	1	2	3	4	5
54. Relationship with peers	1	2	3	4	5
55. Participation in organized activities (eg, teams)	1	2	3	4	5

### **Comments:**

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Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 1–9:
Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 10–18:
Total Symptom Score for questions 1–18:
Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 19–26:
Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 27–40:
Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 41–47:
Total number of questions scored 4 or 5 in questions 48–55:
Average Performance Score:







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## NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scale—TEACHER Informant

Teach	er's Name: Class	s Time:		_ Class Name/Pe	riod:	
Today	y's Date: Child's Name:		_ Grade L	evel:		
	etions: Each rating should be considered in the considered and should reflect that child's behavior single weeks or months you have been able to evaluation based on a time when the shild.	ce the beginning o aluate the behavio	of the sch	ool year. Please	indicate t	he number of
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	mptoms		Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
1.	Fails to give attention to details or makes careless mista	kes in schoolwork	0	1	2	3
2.	Has difficulty sustaining attention to tasks or activities		0	1	2	3
3.	Does not seem to listen when spoken to directly		0	1	2	3
4.	Does not follow through on instructions and fails to fin (not due to oppositional behavior or failure to understa		0	1	2	3
5.	Has difficulty organizing tasks and activities		0	1	2	3
6.	Avoids, dislikes, or is reluctant to engage in tasks that remental effort	equire sustained	0	1	2	3
7.	Loses things necessary for tasks or activities (school ass pencils, or books)	signments,	0	1	2	3
8.	Is easily distracted by extraneous stimuli		0	1	2	3
9.	Is forgetful in daily activities		0	1	2	3
10.	Fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat		0	1	2	3
11.	Leaves seat in classroom or in other situations in which seated is expected	remaining	0	1	2	3
12.	Runs about or climbs excessively in situations in which seated is expected	remaining	0	1	2	3
13.	Has difficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities q	uietly	0	1	2	3
	Is "on the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor"	-	0	1	2	3
15.	Talks excessively		0	1	2	3
16.	Blurts out answers before questions have been complete	ed	0	1	2	3
17.	Has difficulty waiting in line		0	1	2	3
18.	Interrupts or intrudes on others (eg, butts into conversa	ations/games)	0	1	2	3
19.	Loses temper		0	1	2	3
20.	Actively defies or refuses to comply with adult's request	s or rules	0	1	2	3
21.	Is angry or resentful		0	1	2	3
22.	Is spiteful and vindictive		0	1	2	3
23.	Bullies, threatens, or intimidates others		0	1	2	3
24.	Initiates physical fights		0	1	2	3
25.	Lies to obtain goods for favors or to avoid obligations (	(eg, "cons" others)	0	1	2	3
26.	Is physically cruel to people		0	1	2	3
27.	Has stolen items of nontrivial value		0	1	2	3
28.	Deliberately destroys others' property		0	1	2	3
29.	Is fearful, anxious, or worried		0	1	2	3
30.	Is self-conscious or easily embarrassed		0	1	2	3
31.	Is afraid to try new things for fear of making mistakes		0	1	2	3

The recommendations in this publication do not indicate an exclusive course of treatment or serve as a standard of medical care. Variations, taking into account individual circumstances, may be appropriate.

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### NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scale—TEACHER Informant Class Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Name/Period: \_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: Today's Date: Child's Name: Grade Level: Very Often Symptoms (continued) Never Occasionally Often 32. Feels worthless or inferior 0 2 3 2 33. Blames self for problems; feels guilty 0 1 3 34. Feels lonely, unwanted, or unloved; complains that "no one loves him or her" 1 2 3 35. Is sad, unhappy, or depressed 1 2 3 Somewhat **Performance** Above of a Academic Performance **Excellent Average Average Problem Problematic** 36. Reading 5 37. Mathematics 1 2 3 4 5 38. Written expression 1 2 3 4 5 Somewhat **Above** of a Classroom Behavioral Performance **Excellent Average Average Problem Problematic** 39. Relationship with peers 2 3 1 5 40. Following directions 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

41. Disrupting class

42. Assignment completion

43. Organizational skills

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Pediatric Sym	ptom Checklist (PS	<b>C</b> )	
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 whi statement best describes your child.			
Please mark under the heading that best describes your ch	ild:		
·	NEVER (0)	SOMETIMES (1)	OFTEN (2)
Complains of aches and pains	1		
Spends more time alone			
Tires easily, has little energy			
Fidgety, unable to sit still			
Has trouble with teacher			
Less interested in school	6		
Acts as if driven by a motor	7		
Daydreams too much	8		
Distracted easily	0		
). Is afraid of new situations	10		
1. Feels sad, unhappy	11		
2. Is irritable, angry	12		
3. Feels hopeless	13		
4. Has trouble concentrating	14		
5. Less interested in friends	15		
6. Fights with other children	16		
7. Absent from school	17		
8. School grades dropping	18.		
9. Is down on him or herself	19.		
O. Visits the doctor with doctor finding nothing wrong	20.		
1. Has trouble sleeping	21.		
2 Worries a lot	22.		
3. Wants to be with you more than before	23.		
4. Feels he or she is bad	24.		
5. Takes unnecessary risks	25.		
6. Gets hurt frequently	26.		
7. Seems to be having less fun	27		
3. Acts younger than children his or her age	28		
O. Does not listen to rules	29		
). Does not show feelings	30		
Does not understand other people's feelings	31		
2. Teases others	32		
3. Blames others for his or her troubles	33		
4. Takes things that do not belong to him or her	34		
5. Refuses to share	35		
		Total score	

If yes, what type of services?

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