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Measurement Scale Fact Sheet

Nonphysical Abuse of Partner Scale (NPAPS)

The Nonphysical Abuse of Partner Scale, or NPAPS, measures the degree or magnitude of perceived nonphysical abuse which a client reports they have imposed on a spouse or partner. The NPAPS scale was developed for use with heterosexual and homosexual couples who are dating or who live together as married or unmarried couples. The principal use of the scale is in working with the abusive partner in the treatment of domestic violence.

Score Interpretation

The scale produces scores that range from 0 to 100. For all practical purposes the scores can be regarded as true ratio scale values.

Cutting Scores

A clinical cutting score is not presently available for the scale. It is strongly suspected that the cutting score will be considerably lower than 30, although data are not yet available to confirm that. We offer this conjecture primarily to suggest that cutting score of 30 must not be presumed. Clinical evidence to date indicates the clinical cutting score could be as low as 15, but this has not yet been confirmed through systematic research.

Reliability

This scale consistently achieves an Alpha coefficient of .90 or larger.

Validity

This scale has been investigated with respect to content, construct, factorial, and known groups validity. It nearly always achieves validity coefficients of .60 or greater.

Readability Statistics

Flesch Reading Ease: 79; Gunning's Fog Index: 7; Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 5.

References

The following references provide the currently available research evidence concerning the psychometric characteristics for this measure.

Hudson, MacNeil & Dierks, 1995.



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NON-PHYSICAL ABUSE OF PARTNER SCALE

Name _____

Date _____

This questionnaire is designed to measure the non-physical abuse you have experienced upon your partner. It is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers. Answer each item as carefully and as accurately as you can by placing a number beside each item as follows:

SAMPLE

- 1 = None of the time
- 2 = Very rarely
- 3 = A little of the time
- 4 = Some of the time
- 5 = A good part of the time
- 6 = Most of the time
- 7 = All of the time

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1. _____ I make fun of my partner's ability to do things.
 2. _____
 3. _____ I become very upset and angry if my partner says that I have been drinking too much.
 4. _____ I demand my partner to perform sex acts that he or she does not enjoy or like.
 5. _____
 6. _____
 7. _____
 8. _____ I tell my partner that he or she really couldn't manage without me.
 9. _____
 10. _____
 11. _____
 12. _____ I carefully control the money I give my partner.
 13. _____
 14. _____
 15. _____ I don't want my partner to work or go to school.
 16. _____ I don't want my partner socializing with his or her female friends.
 17. _____
 18. _____
 19. _____ I shout and scream at my partner when I'm drinking.
 20. _____ I order my partner around.
 21. _____
 22. _____
 23. _____ I frightened my partner.
 24. _____ I treat my partner like he or she is a dimwit.
 25. _____