Partner Abuse Scale: Physical (PASPH)

The Partner Abuse Scale: Physical, or PASPH, scale measures the degree or magnitude of perceived physical abuse which a client receives from a spouse or partner. The PASPH scale was developed for use with heterosexual and homosexual couples who are dating or who live together as a married or unmarried couple.

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.

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

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

1. _______ My partner physically forces me to have sex.
2. _______
3. _______ My partner hits and punches my arms and body.
4. _______ My partner threatens me with a weapon.
5. _______
6. _______
7. _______ My partner beats me when he or she drinks.
8. _______
9. _______
10. _______
11. _______ My partner beats me in the face so that I am ashamed to be seen in public.
12. _______
13. _______
14. _______
15. _______ My partner knocks me down and then kicks or stomps me.
16. _______ My partner twists my fingers, arms, or legs.
17. _______
18. _______
19. _______ My partner violently pinches or twists my skin.
20. _______ My partner hurts me while we are having sex.
21. _______
22. _______
23. _______ My partner pokes or jabs me with pointed objects.
24. _______ My partner has broken one or more of my bones.
25. _______