

PAI

Personality Assessment Inventory

Populations & Use

- 18+ years old
- Native English speaker
- 4th grade or above reading level

- Screening for psychopathology
- Treatment planning
- Diagnosis

What the hell is a T-score?

- A means of converting different raw scores to comparable, easily interpreted scores

- Mean = 50, SD = ± 10

- 84% will have a score below 60, 98% below 70

Validity Scales

- **ICN (Inconsistency)**
 - ≥ 65 indicates inconsistent answering and invalid profile

- **INF (Infrequency)**
 - ≤ 60 is great, 61-74 shows some oddity, ≥ 75 is invalid

Validity Scales

- **NIM (Negative Impression)**
 - < 73 is great, 73-91 is exaggeration, ≥ 92 is presenting extremely negative view of self

- **PIM (Positive Impression)**
 - < 57 is great, 57-67 is slight exaggeration, ≥ 68 is presenting very positive/inflated view of self

Clinical Scales

- Purpose of clinical scales is to assist in diagnosis of psychopathology

- Maps well onto current DSM-IV-TR criteria

Clinical Scales

- For all scales:

- 59 or less – Average score
- 60-69 – Mild Elevation
- 70-85ish – Moderate Elevation
- 86(ish)+ - Marked Elevation

Clinical Scales

- SOM (Somatic Complaints)
 - SOM-C (Conversion)
 - SOM-S (Somatization)
 - SOM-H (Health Concerns)
- ANX (Anxiety)
 - ANX-C (Cognitive)
 - ANX-A (Affective)
 - ANX-P (Physiological)

Clinical Scales

- ARD (Anxiety-related Disorders)
 - ARD-O (OCD)
 - ARD-P (Phobias)
 - ARD-T (Traumatic Stress)
- DEP (Depression)
 - DEP-C (Cognitive)
 - DEP-A (Affective)
 - DEP-P (Physiological)

Clinical Scales

- **MAN (Mania)**
 - MAN-A (Activity Level)
 - MAN-G (Grandiosity)
 - MAN-I (Irritability)
- **PAR (Paranoia)**
 - PAR-H (Hypervigilance)
 - PAR-P (Persecution)
 - PAR-R (Resentment)

Clinical Scales

- **SCZ (Schizophrenia)**
 - SCZ-P (Psychotic Experiences)
 - SCZ-S (Social Detachment)
 - SCZ-T (Thought Disorder)

Clinical Scales

- **BOR (Borderline features)**
 - BOR-A (Affective Instability)
 - BOR-I (Identity Problems)
 - BOR-N (Negative Relationships)
 - BOR-S (Self-harm)

Clinical Scales

- ANT (Antisocial features)
 - ANT-A (Antisocial Behaviors)
 - ANT-E (Egocentricity)
 - ANT-S (Stimulus seeking)

- ALC (Alcohol Problems)

- DRG (Drug Problems)

Treatment Consideration Scales

- Provide indices of factors deemed important to success in therapy

- Variable interpretation of T-scores for each TC scale

Treatment Consideration Scales

- AGG (Aggression)

- SUI (Suicidal Ideation)

- STR (Stress)

- NON (Nonsupport)

- RXR (Treatment Rejection)

Interpersonal Scales

- Indicator of how person interacts with others
- DOM (Dominance)
- WRM (Warmth)
