

Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale for Children (BPRS-C)

Name of instrument	Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale for Children
Summary overview	A 21-item, clinician-based rating scale that is designed for use in evaluating psychiatric problems of children and adolescents. Ratings are based on a 7-point Likert scale, from “Not Present” to “Extremely Severe.” Seven relatively independent factors are represented by three items each. The BPRS-C is an efficient way to document the complete symptom and behavior picture.
Publisher/source	<i>Overall and Pfefferbaum, A brief scale for rating psychopathology in children. In Keller, Ritt, eds. Innovations in Clinical Practice: a Source Book. Vol. 3. Sarasota, FL: Professional Resource Exchange, 1984.</i>
Source contact information	N/A, the instrument and validity and reliability information are available in the literature (see below: “How to obtain the instrument”)
Access information	Available in public domain
Pricing information	No charge
How to obtain instrument	The scale can be found in <i>Overall and Pfefferbaum, A brief scale for rating psychopathology in children. In Keller, Ritt, eds. Innovations in Clinical Practice: a Source Book. Vol. 3. Sarasota, FL: Professional Resource Exchange, 1984.</i> Or contact MBHP Outcomes Project Manager: (617) 350-1951 or e-mail outcomes@masspartnership.com
Self vs. other administered	Other administered
Method of administration	Administered in context of clinical interview with subject and parent(s); includes observation of subject’s behavior.
Time for administration	20 – 30 minutes
Time for scoring	5 minutes
Staff training level needed for administration	Experienced clinician with reasonable previous exposure to childhood psychopathology
Staff training level needed for scoring and reporting	Experienced clinician with reasonable previous exposure to childhood psychopathology
How are reports generated?	N/A
Languages available	English only, but as instrument is administered by clinician in interview, can be utilized by bilingual clinicians
Scales (if appropriate)	Behavior Problems, Depression, Thinking Disturbance, Psychomotor Excitation, Withdrawal Retardation, Anxiety, Organicity
Appropriate clinical population(s)	Children and adolescents presenting with manifest psychopathology associated with most childhood disorders
Appropriate level(s) of care	All levels of care
Stand-alone instrument vs. system	Stand-alone instrument
Age range	Adolescents and children