

Current Evaluation of Risk and Functioning-Revised (CERF-R)

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Summary overview	“The CERF-R is designed for use with adults with serious and persistent mental illness, especially for those who are chronically involved with public-sector mental health services. The scale summarizes observations and assessments of the client by service providers. The core of the tool is the assessment of functional abilities and risk factors.” (CERF-R manual) The instrument is administered by a client’s treatment team; ratings are based on consensus of the team. The tool is appropriate for multiple administrations.
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Access information	Must request from CERF-R coordinator (see above)
Pricing information	Not indicated. Contact CERF-R coordinator (see above).
How to obtain instrument	Must request from CERF-R coordinator (see above)
Self vs. other administered	Scale administered by care providers. (Client self-assessments are recorded on the Client-CERF tool.)
Method of administration	Paper and pencil
Time for administration	An experienced treatment team can complete the instrument in approximately 10 minutes.
Method of scoring	Paper and pencil; concurrent with administration
Time for scoring	Included in 10-minute timeframe for administration
Staff training level needed for administration	The tool is designed to be completed by multiple care providers, including direct care staff and the clinician responsible for the client’s overall treatment. It is strongly recommended that at least one licensed professional take part in the rating. Standardized trainings are available to become a certified rater.
Staff training level needed for scoring and reporting	The tool is designed to be completed by multiple care providers, including direct care staff and the clinician responsible for the client’s overall treatment. It is strongly recommended that at least one licensed professional take part in the rating. Standardized trainings are available to become a certified rater.
Reporting options	Not indicated
Languages available	Not indicated
Scales (if appropriate)	Functional abilities, risk factors
Appropriate clinical population(s)	Adults with serious and persistent mental illness
Appropriate level(s) of care	All levels of care for adults with serious and persistent mental illness
Stand-alone instrument vs. system	The CERF-R is a stand-alone measure of functioning and risk.
Age range	Adults