

Appendix 1: ADHD Rating Scale

ADHD Rating Scale

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

Completed By: _____ Parent__ Teacher__ Other _____

For each line below, please put an "x" in the box that best describes the child's behaviour over the last 6 months

	BEHAVIOUR	Always or very often	Often	Somewhat	Rarely or Never
Inattention	Fails to give close attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork/homework.				
	Has difficulty keeping attention on tasks or play activities.				
	Does not seem to listen when spoken to directly.				
	Does not follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork or chores.				
	Has difficulty organizing tasks and activities.				
	Avoids or strongly dislikes tasks that require sustained mental effort (e.g., homework)				
	Loses things necessary for tasks or activities (e.g., pencils, books, toys, etc).				
	Is easily distracted by outside stimuli.				
	Is forgetful in daily activities.				
	TOTALS for Inattention				
Hyperactivity and Impulsivity	Fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat.				
	Leaves seat in situations in which remaining seated is expected (e.g., dinner table).				
	Runs about or climbs in situations where it is inappropriate.				
	Has difficulty playing quietly.				
	Is "on the go" or acts "driven by a motor."				
	Talks excessively.				
	Blurts out answers to questions before the questions have been completed.				
	Has difficulty awaiting turn.				
	Interrupts others or intrudes on others (e.g., butts into games)				
	TOTALS for Hyperactivity and Impulsivity				

Were some of these behaviours present *before* age 7? Yes __ No __ Unsure __ N/A __

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