

Diagnostic Criteria for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Check the applicable symptoms in each section.

INATTENTION

- Often does not give close attention to details or makes careless mistake in schoolwork, work or other activities.
- Often has difficulty sustaining attention in tasks or play activities.
- Often does not seem to listen when spoken to directly.
- Often does not follow through on instruction and fails to finish schoolwork, chores, or duties (not due to oppositional behavior or failure to understand instructions.)
- Often has difficulty organizing tasks and activities.
- Often avoids, dislikes, or is reluctant to engage in tasks that require sustained mental effort (such as schoolwork or homework.)
- Often loses things necessary for tasks or activities, such as toys, assignments, books or tools.
- Is often easily distracted by extraneous stimuli.
- Is often forgetful in daily activities.

_____ Total number of Inattention items checked.

HYPERTACTIVITY

- Often fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seta.
- Often leaves seat in classroom or in other situation in which remaining seated is expected.
- Often runs about or climbs excessively in situation in which it is inappropriate (adolescents or adults may have feelings of restlessness.)
- Often has difficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities quietly.
- Is often "on the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor."
- Often talks excessively.

IMPULSIVITY

- Often blurts out answer before questions are completed.
- Often has difficulty waiting turn.
- Often interrupts or intrudes on others, such as butting into conversations or games.

_____ Total number of Hyperactivity & Impulsivity items checked.

Child's name:

Today's Date _____

Parent/Guarantor Completing Checklist:

If the patient has 6 or more symptoms of Inattention or Hyperactivity-Impulsivity that have persisted for at least 6 months to a degree that is maladaptive and inconsistent with developmental level, the patient should be considered for further evaluation.