PTSD Symptom Scale (PSS-I)

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The PTSD Symptom Scale (PSS-I) first published in 1993, is a semi-structured 17-item interview aiding in assessing the presence and severity of DSM-IV PTSD symptoms. The symptoms would be related to an identified traumatic event in an individual with a known trauma history. Any trained individual can administer the scale and it takes 15 to 25 minutes to complete. Each item on the scale is assessed with a brief question, there are no follow up questions.

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Reliability and Validity

The PSS-I has been validated for two different time intervals, those being the “past 2 weeks” and the “past month.” Inter-rater reliability for PTSD diagnosis (k=0.91) and overall severity (r=0.97) are both excellent. The time needed for assessing PTSD with the PSS-I scale is short without sacrificing reliability or validity.

Administration, Analysis and Reporting

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References
