Derogatis Psychiatric Rating Scale (DPRS)

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The Derogatis Psychiatric Rating Scale (DPRS) is multidimensional scale for professionals to measure a patient’s psychological symptomatic distress. Instruments, SCL-90-R and BSI, are closely associated with the DPRS; the DPRS is used as a validity check for them. The DPRS uses nine subscales to base the distress rating. There is an additional test that uses 8 other subscales to provide a more accurate clinical evaluation.

The test consists of 17-item using a 6-point scale and then one more item with a 8-point scale. The test is done in a paper-pence format and takes approximately 2 to 5 minutes to complete. Adolescents to adults are the age range for testing.

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