

# PEDIATRIC SYMPTOM CHECKLIST - 17

|   | Please mark under the heading that best fits your child |           |       | For Office Use |   |   |
|---|---|-----------|-------|----------------|---|---|
|   | NEVER   | SOMETIMES | OFTEN | I              | A | E |
| 1. Fidgety, unable to sit still                   |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 2. Feels sad, unhappy                             |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 3. Daydreams too much                             |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 4. Refuses to share                               |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 5. Does not understand other people's feelings    |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 6. Feels hopeless                                 |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 7. Has trouble concentrating                      |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 8. Fights with other children                     |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 9. Is down on him or herself                      |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 10. Blames others for his or her troubles         |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 11. Seems to behaving less fun                    |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 12. Does not listen to rules                      |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 13. Acts as if driven by a motor                  |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 14. Teases others                                 |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 15. Worries a lot                                 |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 16. Takes things that do not belong to him or her |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| 17. Distracted easily                             |   |           |       |                |   |   |
| <i>TOTAL</i>                                      |   |           |       |                |   |   |

**To Score:**

- Fill in the unshaded box on the right: "Never" = 0, "Sometimes" = 1, "Often" = 2.
- Sum the columns. **PSC17-Internalizing** score is the sum of column I.  
**PSC17-Attention** is the sum of column A.  
**PSC17-Externalizing** is the sum of column E.
- PSC-17 Total Score** is the sum of PSC17-I + PSC17-A + PSC17-E.

**Positive Scores:**

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| PSC17-I     | ≥ | 5  |
| PSC17-A     | ≥ | 7  |
| PSC17-E     | ≥ | 7  |
| Total Score | ≥ | 15 |

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