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Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS)**

<b>Availability:</b>	The instrument is freely available: <a href="#">Click here for the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Consultants website.</a>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Supplemental:</b> Epilepsy, Mitochondrial Disease (Mito), and Parkinson’s Disease (PD).
<b>Short Description of Instrument:</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To assess patients who display symptoms of schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders. The Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS) is an 18-item scale measuring.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> An 18-item scale that measures positive symptoms, general psychopathology and affective symptoms. Each item is scored on 0-7 Likert scale ranging from “Not Present” to “Extremely Severe”. The instrument is administered through a combination of clinician interview and observations from the patient’s family from the previous 2-3 days. A pediatric version is also available.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> A well established scale that is sensitive to changes and allows for broad evaluation. Item score grouping allows scoring on specific symptoms (i.e. mannerisms and posturing). However it is limited in scope as it focuses on positive and general psychopathology.</p> <p><b>Primary Dependent Measures:</b> Total score (0-126).</p> <p><b>Time Estimates:</b> 20-30 minutes.</p> <p><b>Vendor:</b> Public Domain.</p>
<b>References:</b>	<p>General:</p> <p>Overall, JE, Gorham, DR. The Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale. <i>Psychological Reports</i>. 1962; 10: 799-812.</p> <p>Overall, JE, Gorham DR: Introduction: the Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BRPS): Recent developments in ascertainment and scaling. <i>Psychopharmacol Bull</i>. 1988; 24: 97-98.</p> <p>Parkinson’s Disease:</p> <p>Fernandez et al. Scales to Assess Psychosis in Parkinson’s Disease. <i>Mov Disord</i>. 2008 Mar 15;23(4):484-500.</p>