

Instruments at a Glance for C&TC Clinic Settings

Screening is critical for identifying developmental and social-emotional concerns early, enabling more effective intervention and better outcomes. However, the primary care setting offers unique challenges: there is limited time, and the child may not be ready to “perform” their best in the clinic. Parent report screening instruments provide a quick, accurate, and reliable way to screen patients.

The screening instruments listed below are the most commonly used by health care providers and recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Developmental screening instruments

Instrument	Ages and Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition (ASQ-3)	Parents’ Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS)	The Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC)*
Type	Parent report by milestones	Parent report by concern	Parent report by milestones
Age range	1 through 66 months (5 ½ years)	Birth through 7 years	2 through 66 months (5 ½ years)
Staffing	Paraprofessional scorer	Paraprofessional scorer	Paraprofessional scorer
Staff time	2-3 minutes	2-5 minutes	2-5 minutes
Sensitivity	86.1%	96%	Average across ages 75.8%
Specificity	85.6%	83%	Average across ages 78.3%
Language	English, Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese	English, Spanish, others	English, Spanish, others
Cost	Refer to ASQ-3	Refer to PEDS Tools	Available at no cost at The SWYC

**Children who have a positive score with the SWYC, indicating a potential concern, should be rescreened with a tool recommended by the Minnesota Developmental Screening Task Force. Refer to [All Instruments at a Glance \(PDF\)](#) for a list of tools recommended by the Minnesota Developmental Screening Task Force.*

Social-emotional screening instruments

Instrument	Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2)	Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC)	The Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC): Baby Pediatric Symptom Checklist (BPSC)	The Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC): Preschool Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PPSC)
Type	Parent report	Parent report	Parent report	Parent report
Age range	1 through 72 months (6 years)	4 through 16 years	1 through 17 months	18 through 65 months
Staffing	Paraprofessional scorer	Paraprofessional scorer	Trained staff	Trained staff
Staff time	2-3 minutes	2-12 minutes	~5 minutes	~5 min
Sensitivity	77-84%	88-92%	Correlation 0.61-0.70 with ASQ-SE	Correlation 0.88-0.89 with ASQ-SE
Specificity	76-98%	68-99%	Correlation 0.61-0.70 with ASQ-SE	Correlation 0.88-0.89 with ASQ-SE
Language	English, Spanish	English, many others	English, many others	English, many others
Cost	Refer to ASQ:SE-2	Available at no cost at Pediatric Symptom Checklist	Available at no cost at The SWYC	Available at no cost at The SWYC

Resource links

- [ASQ-3 \(https://brookespublishing.com/product/asq-3/\)](https://brookespublishing.com/product/asq-3/)
- [PEDS Tools \(https://pedstest.com/\)](https://pedstest.com/)
- [The SWYC \(https://www.teamupcenter.org/swyc/\)](https://www.teamupcenter.org/swyc/)
- [All Instruments at a Glance \(PDF\) \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/childrenyouth/ctc/devscreen/glance.pdf\)](#)
- [ASQ:SE-2 \(https://brookespublishing.com/product/asqse-2/\)](https://brookespublishing.com/product/asqse-2/)
- [Pediatric Symptom Checklist \(https://www.massgeneral.org/psychiatry/treatments-and-services/pediatric-symptom-checklist\)](https://www.massgeneral.org/psychiatry/treatments-and-services/pediatric-symptom-checklist)
- [The SWYC \(https://www.teamupcenter.org/swyc/\)](https://www.teamupcenter.org/swyc/)

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