

Instruments at a Glance for C&TC Clinic Settings

Screening is critical to identify developmental and social-emotional concerns early, for 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, 3rd ed. (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%	86%	<42 mo’s: 89.0%, >42 mo’s 70.7%
Specificity	85.6%	74%	< 42 mo’s 73.7%-43.5 % >42 mo’s 54.8%-38.4%
Language	English, Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese	English, Spanish, others	English, Spanish, others
Cost	Refer to ASQ-3 (www.brookespublishing.com)	Refer to PEDS (www.pedstest.com)	Refer to SWYC (www.tuftschildrenshospital.org)

*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)
Type	Parent report	Parent report
Age Range	1 through 72 months (6 years)	4 through 16 years
Staffing	Paraprofessional scorer	Paraprofessional scorer
Staff Time	2-3 minutes	2-12 minutes
Sensitivity	78-84%	88-92%
Specificity	76-98%	68-99%
Language	English, Spanish	English, many others
Cost	Refer to ASQ: SE-2 (www.brookespublishing.com)	Available at no cost at Pediatric Symptom Checklist (www.massgeneral.org)

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