Child Symptom Inventory-4 (CSI-4)

Brief description

The Child Symptom Inventory-4 (CSI-4) is a DSM-IV-referenced rating scale that screens for emotional and behavioural symptoms of childhood disorders. There are both parent (97 items) and teacher versions (77 items). The CSI-4: Parent Checklist contains screens for 15 emotional and behavioral disorders, and the CSI-4: Teacher Checklist contains screens for 13 emotional and behavioral disorders. The CSI-4 can be scored to derive Symptom Count scores or Symptom Severity scores.

Appropriate target populations

Children between 5 and 12 years old.

Administration options

The CSI-4 can be administered paper-and-pencil to either the parent or teacher of the child.

Formats available

- self-administered (paper-and-pencil)

- self-administered (computer)

- clinician-administered

Time required

10 minutes

Languages available

- English

- French

- Other (Spanish)
Accessibility and cost

☐ no charge for use

☐ use requires permission of test developer

☐ use requires special training and/or professional or academic credentials

☒ fee for use

The CSI-4 Deluxe Kit contains the Consolidated Manual, 25 Parent Checklists, 25 Teacher Checklists, 50 Symptom Count score sheets (with scoring instructions, cutoff scores and rule-out diagnoses), and 50 Symptom Severity Profile (T scores) score sheets for both Parent and Teacher Checklists for $108.00.

Where to access

www.checkmateplus.com

Summary of test development data

Quality of reporting

Moderate, based on STARD rating (see Appendix, p.76).

Summary of validity and reliability data

Moderate, based largely on the fact there is, as yet, only one criterion-related validity study based on a diagnostic gold standard and also that study is based on boys only.