

Client ID # _____

Date of Administration: _____

SYMPTOMS

CLINICIAN-COMPLETED

Positive and Negative Symptoms of Schizophrenia Scale (PANSS-6)

	Symptoms	Absent	Minimal	Mild	Moderate	Moderate severe	Severe	Extreme
1.	Delusions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2.	Conceptual disorganization	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.	Hallucinatory behavior	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.	Blunted affect	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5.	Passive/apathetic social withdrawal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6.	Lack of spontaneity and flow of conversation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The PANSS-6 is a required measure within the EPINET Core Assessment Battery. It is derived from the full PANSS. The PANSS-6 is completed by the clinician. Clinicians will require training to complete the measure.

Each of the six items is accompanied by a specific definition and detailed anchoring criteria on a 7 point rating scale (see table for the number of points associated with each response option).

In assigning ratings, first consider whether an item is at all present. If the item is absent, it is scored 1, whereas if it is present determine its severity by reference to the particular criteria from the anchoring points. The highest applicable rating point is always assigned, even if the patient meets criteria for lower points as well. In judging the level of severity, utilize a holistic perspective in deciding which anchoring point best characterizes the patient's functioning and rate accordingly, whether or not all elements of the description are observed. The rating points of 2 to 7 correspond to incremental levels of symptom severity:

- A rating of **1** indicates that the symptom is absent.
- A rating of **2** (minimal) denotes questionable or subtle or suspected pathology, or it also may allude to the extreme end of the normal range.
- A rating of **3** (mild) is indicative of a symptom whose presence is clearly established but not pronounced and interferes little in day-today functioning.
- A rating of **4** (moderate) characterizes a symptom which, though representing a serious problem, either occurs only occasionally or intrudes on daily life only to a moderate extent.
- A rating of **5** (moderate severe) indicates marked manifestations that distinctly impact on one's functioning but are not all-consuming and usually can be contained at will.
- A rating of **6** (severe) represents gross pathology that is present very frequently, proves highly disruptive to one's life, and often calls for direct supervision.
- A rating of **7** (extreme) refers to the most serious level of psychopathology, whereby the manifestations drastically interfere in most or all major life functions, typically necessitating close supervision and assistance in many areas.

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