

ADHD Rating Scale Comparison Guide



Rating scale	Validated Ages	Informants	Domains measured	Best for
ADHD - RS IV	5-17	Parent, teacher, child	Inattention, hyperactivity/impulsivity	Core ADHD symptoms, impairment across settings
Vanderbilt Assessment	6-12	Parent, teacher	ADHD, oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder, anxiety, depression, performance and social functioning, treatment side effects	Symptom screening, comorbidities, treatment response
Conners 4	6-18	Parent, teacher, self-report	ADHD, emotional dysregulation, executive function, depressed mood, anxious thoughts, sleep, conduct, self-harm, functional impact, response style analysis, DSM-5 symptom scales	Digital-first, broader mental health risk indicators
SNAP-IV	6-18	Parent, teacher	ADHD, ODD (on SNAP-IV 26)	Basic screening, widely used in schools
SDQ	4-17	Parent, teacher, self-report	Emotional symptoms, conduct, hyperactivity, peer problems, prosocial behavior	General screening in community or primary care and follow-up
CBCL	6-18	Parent, teacher	Broad-band behavioral and emotional needs	Complex cases with suspected multiple diagnoses
BASC-3	2-21	Parent, teacher, self-report	Behavior, emotions, and self-perceptions	Psychoeducational evaluations

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ASRS	Self	Inattention, hyperactivity (DSM-5)	Core ADHD symptoms, impairment across settings
BADDS	Self	Executive function, regulation	Masked ADHD, complexity
ACDS	Clinician-led	Symptoms, life impairment	Comprehensive interview
Weiss Functional Impairment Rating Scale	Self	Functional impairment	Assessment/impact of symptoms on function and treatment monitoring

Tool	Ages	Domains measured	Best for
DIVA-5 DIVA-5 ID	18+ 18+ with intellectual disability	Structured	DSM-5 diagnosis, symptom history
Young DIVA	5-17	Structured	Child/youth symptom framework
ACE/ACE V.2 ACE+	5-16 People in college/university and adults	Semi-structured	Symptoms, comorbid conditions