

Sexual Behaviour Scale (SBS)

Assessment Overview

Assessment Area

ICF Domain:

Body Function

Subcategory:

Functions of the Reproductive System

You Will Need

Approximately 5 minutes to complete 7 items

Scoring:

Items are summed resulting in a composite score that ranges from a maximum value of 49 to a minimum value of 7.

Training:

None required, but knowledge about sexuality is helpful.

Summary

The Sexual Behaviour Scale (SBS) measures the sexual expressions used by couples.

Items cover touching, kissing, stimulation of genital and other erogenous zones, and sexual intercourse.

Availability

Currently unavailable.

Assessment Interpretability

Minimal Clinically Important Difference

Not established in SCI

Statistical Error

Not established in SCI

Typical Values

Not established in SCI

Measurement Properties

Validity – **Low**

Persons with SCI score significantly lower on SB scale than control group ($P < .001$)

SCI: $r = 0.85$

Control: $r = 0.68$

(Kreuter et al. 1996; $n = 75$; 64 males, 11 females; median age (range): 33 (19-76) years, traumatic)

Number of studies reporting validity data: 1

Reliability – **High**

High Internal Consistency:

Cronbach's $\alpha = 0.96$

(Kreuter et al. 1994a, Kreuter et al. 1994b; $n = 49$; mean (SD) age: 30.5 (15.6) years; age range: 14-69 years; 24 paraplegia, 25 tetraplegia)

Number of studies reporting reliability data: 2

Responsiveness

Floor/Ceiling Effect:

Not established in SCI

Effect Size:

Not established in SCI

Number of studies reporting

responsiveness data: 0