

**THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY
PARENT INTERVIEW FOR CHILD SYMPTOMS (PICS-7.1)**

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES BETWEEN PICS-7 AND PICS-7.1

The PICS-7.1 has been updated to reflect the DSM-5. The PICS-7.1 continues to be a useful tool in the assessment and diagnosis of disruptive behaviour disorders as well as mood, anxiety and neurodevelopmental disorders that often present in childhood.

Changes are listed in order of their appearance in the 3 modules.

General Information Module (PICS A):

- Change to medication tables
- Family history table changes:
 - Addition of ½ siblings
 - Removed Autistic-like traits
 - Added Suicide
 - Genetic/medical conditions have been removed

Disruptive Disorders Module (PICS B):

- Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) – criteria updated
- Intermittent Explosive Disorder (IED) – criteria added
- Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder (DMDD) – due to overlapping symptoms with IED, criteria for DMDD were added. As a result, DMDD is now included in both PICS B and C.

General Psychopathology Module (PICS C):

- Social Anxiety Disorder – now a multiple code disorder.
- Acute Stress Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Adjustment Disorder are single code disorders – the full criteria has been removed and screener questions were added instead.
 - If the answer to screener questions is “yes”, assessor must refer to supplemental module to follow up with additional assessment questions.
- Panic Attack – the symptoms of panic attack were added in detail
 - If symptoms of panic attack are present, the assessor must further assess for Panic Disorder and Agoraphobia (the full criteria for Panic Disorder and

Agoraphobia is not currently in the module). Panic Disorder and Agoraphobia are single code disorders.

- Tic disorders — separated into Persistent Motor, Persistent Vocal, Provisional and Tourette's
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) – detailed criteria added
- Sleep disorders — combined under the single category of Sleep Problems with the disorders listed as optional specifiers.
- Eating Disorders – replaced with a simple screener for Eating Problems
- Mania, Hypomania, Cyclothymia and Psychosis – all single code disorders now with only screener questions included
 - Assessor is prompted to follow up if the screener questions are endorsed.
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – detailed criteria added.
 - Order is changed and does not reflect the DSM order to allow for better flow during the interview.
- Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder – detailed criteria added

Additional comments:

- The Quick Score Sheet and PICS Summary has been updated to reflect all changes.
- A set of detailed Scoring Guidelines have been created.
- The Administration Guidelines have been edited.