

**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:
 - Added Suicide

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 PICS C so the interviewer can decide when to screen for this disorder.

General Psychopathology Module (PICS C):

- Separation Anxiety Disorder – criteria added
- Acute Stress Disorder and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder – now multiple code disorders with full DSM criteria listed
- Panic Disorder (single code disorder) – the symptoms of panic attacks were added in detail
 - If symptoms of panic attack are present, the assessor should further assess for Panic Disorder and Agoraphobia (the full criteria is not currently in the module).
- Social Anxiety Disorder – now a multiple code disorder. Tic disorders – separated into Persistent Motor, Persistent Vocal, Provisional and Tourette’s with criteria for each
- 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

- Additional Self-Injurious Behaviour and Suicide Ideation prompts added
- Suicidal Behaviour Disorder – added as a single code disorder with criteria listed
- Mania, Hypomania, Cyclothymia and Psychosis – all single code disorders now with only screener questions included (the full criteria are not currently in the module).
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – multiple symptom disorder with added 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 – multiple symptom disorder with added detailed criteria added

Additional comments:

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