



SNAP-IV 26 for Children and Adolescents

The SNAP-IV 26-item scale is an abbreviated version of the Swanson, Nolan, and Pelham (SNAP) Questionnaire (Swanson, 1992; Swanson et al., 1983). Items from the DSM-IV criteria for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are included for the two subsets of symptoms: Inattention (items 1–9) and Hyperactivity/Impulsivity (items 10–18). Also, items from the DSM-IV criteria for oppositional defiant disorder (ODD) are included (items 19–26) because ODD is often present in children with ADHD.

	Tick one option per question only	Not at all	Just a little	Quite a bit	Very much
1	Often fails to give close attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork or tasks				
2	Often has difficulty sustaining attention in tasks or play activities				
3	Often does not seem to listen when spoken to directly				
4	Often does not follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork, chores, or duties				
5	Often has difficulty organizing tasks and activities				
6	Often avoids, dislikes, or reluctantly engages in tasks requiring sustained mental effort				
7	Often loses things necessary for activities (e.g., toys, school assignments, pencils or books)				
8	Often is distracted by extraneous stimuli				
9	Often is forgetful in daily activities				
10	Often fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat				
11	Often leaves seat in classroom or in other situations in which remaining seated is expected				
12	Often runs about or climbs excessively in situations in which it is inappropriate				
13	Often has difficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities quietly				
14	Often is “on the go” or often acts as if “driven by a motor”				
15	Often talks excessively				
16	Often blurts out answers before questions have been completed				



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17	Often has difficulty awaiting turn				
18	Often interrupts or intrudes on others (e.g., butts into conversations/ games)				
19	Often loses temper				
20	Often argues with adults				
21	Often actively defies or refuses adult requests or rules				
22	Often deliberately does things that annoy other people				
23	Often blames others for his or her mistakes or misbehaviour				
24	Often is touchy or easily annoyed by others				
25	Often is angry and resentful				
26	Often is spiteful or vindictive				

Scoring guidance

Symptom severity is rated on a 4-point scale.

Responses are scored as follows:

Not at all = 0

Just a little = 1

Quite a bit = 2

Very much = 3

The scores in each of the three subsets (inattention, hyperactivity/impulsivity, and opposition/defiance) are totalled.

A suggested scoring guideline is below:

Questions 1 – 9: Inattention Subset

< 13/27 = Symptoms not clinically significant

13 – 17 = Mild symptoms



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18 – 22 = Moderate symptoms

23 – 27 = Severe symptoms

Questions 10 – 18: Hyperactivity/Impulsivity Subset

<13/27 = Symptoms not clinically significant

13 – 17 = Mild symptoms

18 – 22 = Moderate symptoms

23 – 27 = Severe symptoms

Questions 19 – 26: Opposition/Defiance Subset

< 8/24 = Symptoms not clinically significant

8 – 13 = Mild symptoms

14 – 18 = Moderate symptoms

19 – 24 = Severe symptoms