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Psychological Injury & Malingering:
Forensic Context, Assessment, and Vocational Implications

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GOAL:

- Provide an understanding of how psychological injuries are legally defined, measured, and assessed; as well how they relate to worker traits and characteristics for employability.

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OBJECTIVES:

- Learn the definition of Psychological Injury in the legal context.
- Review psychological protocols and tests used in assessment to measure psychological issues.
- Learn the validity scales used to determine cognitive and/or symptom malingering.
- Learn how to personally review previous testing scores to help ensure previous evaluator’s conclusions have a basis of reliability and validity.
- Review how psychological scores relate to RHAJ worker traits and characteristics and mental demands of employability to determine forensic vocational implications.



Psychological Injury in the legal context

- Today We Are looking at ‘Injury’ in a more Purely

“As A Psychological/Mental Health construct”

Rather Than

Our usual construct of “Residual Functional Capacity” that is largely based on physical capacities.

Forensic Mental Health Perspective

Experts must do something more than just “rule out” other possible causes. They must explain how they were able to “rule in” the product *[in a product liability case]* in question. If all the expert does is rule out other possible causes, he or she may fail to account for other potential (and sometimes unknown or unthought of) causes. When an expert only rules out causes, the trier of fact knows only what did not cause the harm. This does not necessarily aid the trier of fact in determining what did cause the harm — and that is what the law requires in tort cases, especially those that involve allegedly toxic products.

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Forensic Mental Health Evaluation

Use of the term FMHE to maintain focus on this view point.

- Seeks to identify any mental disorders
- the legally relevant functional abilities affected by the allegedly traumatic incident(s)
- the nature and strength of any causal connection between the allegedly traumatic event(s) and the resultant functional abilities of the plaintiff

First Steps

Legal requirements into Psychological/Mental Health Terms

- (1) applying a biopsychosocial model
- (2) utilization of standardized procedures
- (3) use various information sources
 - standardized tests
 - other instruments
 - collateral sources
- (4) comparing the individual with relevant group data and base rates
- (5) considering iatrogenic and litigation-related factors, and (6) comparison of current and premorbid levels of functioning

Kane, Andrew W.; Dvoskin, Joel A., Evaluation for Personal Injury Claims (Best Practices for Forensic Mental Health Assessments) (Page 31). Oxford University Press. Kindle Edition

Looking at the Event and the Individual

Five Possibilities in each case:

- (1) the event is sole cause of the psychological injury (rare)
- (2) the event was the primary cause of the psychological injury (that is, the proximate cause), and but for the traumatic event the person would not have their present level of psychopathology, disability, or other psychological distress (e.g., grief)
- (3) the traumatic event materially contributed to assessed psychopathology or other psychological distress but was not the primary cause
- (4) the traumatic event had little identifiable affect on the individual
- (5) the traumatic event had no identifiable affect on the individual

Pre-Trauma Functioning Vs. Post-Trauma

Record Review considerations:

medical, psychotherapy, school, arrest, employment, military, personnel, pharmacy, tax

the changes identified may not have been caused by the traumatic event but, rather, by other major life events

At the very least, the records review should go back three to five years prior to the event

Examiner Bias

“ Halo effect” refers to “the tendency for a general evaluation of a person, or an evaluation of a person on a specific dimension, to be used as a basis for judgments of that person on other specific dimensions”

APA Concise Dictionary of Psychology, 2009, p. 220)

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Defining Scope of Evaluation

Looking at Psychological & Cognitive Issues

Referral Questions often are:

- Determine if symptoms are a diagnosis?
- Define reported symptoms in functional context.
- Malingering?
- Describe & Measure affect Work Capacity & ADL's
- If in treatment progress and recovery?

Clinical Assessment

Actuarial assessments are those that are statistically-based, involving the "use of data about prior instances, in order to estimate the likelihood or risk of a particular outcome"

APA Concise Dictionary of Psychology, p. 8

Such as MMPI, PAI,

Actuarial Instruments

Most instruments and the beginning of MMPI, PAI, & other tests weren't originally designed: **Forensic USE**

They are now moving into that direction but the manuals caution the use in Forensic Evaluations

Because of this they cannot 'speak' the ultimate issue before the court

Clinical interview & Clinical Judgement tied to evidence

Third-Party Presence

Individual being assessed should be alone with the examiner.

Attorneys often want to be present during an assessment, or to have someone else present.

Assessment instruments are standardized with only the examiner present

NO research literature identifying the degree to which the results of a no standardized administration may alter the results of a particular instrument.

This is also true with regard to audio- or video-recording.

There is research indicating an adverse impact on the validity of some psychological tests when a third party is present or the assessment is recorded (*Ackerman & Kane, 1998; Constantinou, Ashendorf, & McCaffrey, 2002; Constantinou & McCaffrey, 2003; Kehrer, Sanchez, Habif, Rosenbaum, & Townes, 2000; Lezak, Howieson, & Loring, 2004*).

There is no research, however, indicating that testing is as valid when a third party is present or the assessment is recorded as when it is not.

Examinees who are aware that their assessment is being recorded, either in audio only or in combined audio and video, may also alter their assessment behavior

Problem is The need for Transparency

Pitt, Spiers, Dietz and Dvoskin (1999) have argued for preserving the interview on audio- or video-tape whenever possible.

Forensic Interview Vs. Forensic Test

psychological interviews are typically unstructured or Semi-Structured

Vast Professional Individual differences: in style and content,

U.S. Supreme Court

- The U.S. Supreme Court did not differentiate between interviews and psychological tests—they are lumped together as “evaluations”—in addressing this issue.

Estelle v. Smith (451 U.S. 454, 470, n. 14, 1981)

the Supreme Court held that the physical presence of an attorney during an evaluation “could contribute little and might seriously disrupt the examination.”

A number of lower court cases have also ruled the presence of a third party, including audio- or video-taping of a psychological evaluation, is not appropriate, e.g., *Shirsat v. Mutual Pharmaceutical Co. (169 F.R.D. 68,*

Exaggeration

- *Many individuals will exaggerate their difficulties to some degree.*

- • “Exaggeration” conscious or unconscious.
- • “Feigning”
- • “Malingering” i

Handling Malingering and Feigning

The evaluator should choose tests that have demonstrated significant sensitivity and specificity in the assessment of feigning, and that also add incremental validity to the data that are obtained.

Sensitivity & Specificity

- Sensitivity' reflects a test's capacity to select many or most of the individuals who possess the trait or exhibit the behavior that the test is designed to measure.
- 'Specificity' is an index of the degree to which the test selects only those individuals possessing the trait or expressing the behavior that the test is designed to detect" A sensitive test will have few false negative results, and a test with high specificity will yield few false positive results.

Assessing Response Style

- True Rate of Malingering in Disability Evaluations Unknown.
- Estimates often Range from 7.5% to 33% (Samuel & Mittenberg, 2005)

Feigned Conditions

- Psychological
- Cognitive "effortful failure"
- Physical "effortful failure"
- Pain Behaviors

Specialized Tests – Feigned Psychosis

- Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms test (M-FAST)
- Structured Interview of Reported Symptoms (*SIRS*)
- Structured Inventory of Malingered Symptomatology (SIMS)

Specialized Tests – Feigned Cognitive

- Validity Indicator Profile (VIP)
- Test of Memory Malingering (TOMM)
- Portland Digit Recognition Test (PDRT)
- Victoria Symptom Validity Test (VSVT)
- Word Memory Test (WMT)

Forensic Assessment: Mental Health

Most common tests used

- MMPI-2
 - MMPI- RF (Restructured Form)
- Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)

Uses and Limitations of Clinical Assessment Instruments in Forensic Applications

- Uses:
 - Traditional clinical tests can provide a broad understanding of an individual's intellectual, emotional, and personality functioning.
 - Limitation: The original development of most traditional clinical tests focused on diagnosis and treatment planning, not on forensic applications.

How to use Clinical Tools in Forensic Settings

- Clinical assessment tools may be employed for forensic purposes when they are appropriate and relevant to the specific legal question, but evaluators must maintain an awareness of how their methods will be received by the trier of fact.
- Similarly, clinical assessment tools should not be used to address forensic questions beyond the scope of the instrument. For example, forensic evaluators are sometimes asked to reconstruct an individual's mental state at a prior point in time; however, traditional clinical tests are typically of very limited value for such reconstructions.

How to use Clinical Tools in Forensic Settings

- Fortunately, knowledgeable interpreters understand and can explain to the trier of fact that the PERSONALITY TEST results are not interpreted in isolation but *within the context of overall test findings*.

Considerations before using MMPI/PAI in Forensic Evaluations

- An examiner must consider the following before administering any test as part of a forensic evaluation:
 - The scope of the evaluation and limitation of the test instrument.
 - The participant's perspective and need for collateral information (the participant's "agenda")
 - The "voluntariness" of the participant's involvement (are they willingly involved or court ordered? This leads to questions related to reluctance, guardedness, and possibly being uncooperative).
 - Threats to validity (related to perspective). What do they have to prove? What is their goal? What motives do they have to be false or at the very least misrepresent themselves?

MMPI

- The best known objective personality test is the MMPI. This test was created primarily to measure psychopathology. It contains several validity scales to determine if the client is responding to the questions accurately and truthfully, and it also contains ten basic clinical scales. Hundreds of additional scales have been created for the MMPI to measure virtually every personality trait and emotion
- conceivable. The MMPI was recently revised; the MMPI-2 is now the more commonly used edition. The MMPI is interpreted by looking at scale elevations and configurations. Although limited interpretation can be done by computer programs, a skilled assessor is needed to make accurate interpretation which take into account a person's background and other test data.



OG ---MMPI BACKGROUND

- Clinical Scales developed by Hathaway and McKinley in late 1930s early 1940s
- Intended to function as a differential diagnostic test
- Targeted Kraepelinian nosology
- Published 1943
- Didn't work as intended

MMPI-2-RF Overview

- Published 2008
 - Authors Ben-Porath & Tellegen
- 338 items
- Subset of MMPI-2 Item Pool
- Norms based on MMPI-2 normative sample
- 240+ peer-reviewed publications
- Used widely in mental health, medical, forensic and public safety settings

MMPI-2-RF Overview

- 51 Scales
 - 9 Validity Scales
 - 3 Higher-Order Scales
 - 9 RC Scales
 - 23 Specific Problems Scales
 - 5 Somatic/Cognitive
 - 9 Internalizing
 - 4 Externalizing
 - 5 Interpersonal
 - 2 Interest Scales
 - 5 PSY-5 Scales

MMPI-2-RF

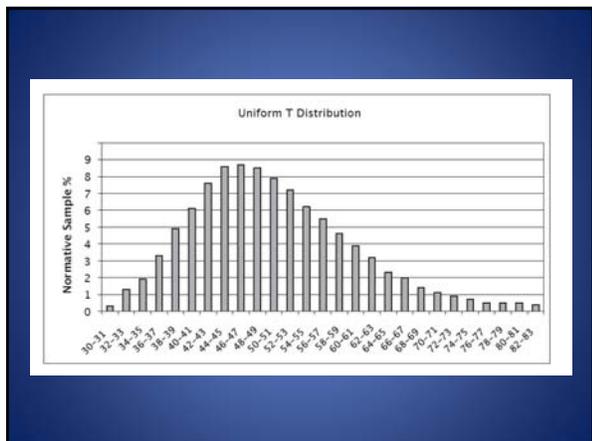
- **Qualification Level:** C
- **Age Range:** 18 years and older
- **Reading Level:** 5th grade (Lexile average), 4.5 grade (Flesch-Kincaid)
- **Administration:** Online, computer, CD, or paper and pencil.
- **Length:** 338 True-False Items
- **Completion Time:** 35-50 minutes
- **Norms:** The MMPI-2-RF normative sample is drawn from the MMPI-2 normative sample and consists of 2,276 men and women between the ages 18 and 80 from several regions and diverse communities in the U.S. The MMPI-2-RF T scores are non-gendered and non-K-corrected. No new norms were collected for the MMPI-2-RF.
- **Scoring Options:** Q-global™ Scoring & Reporting, Q-Local™ Software, Hand Scoring, or Mail-in Scoring Service
- **Report Options:** Score, Interpretive and Police Candidate Interpretive
- **Publication Date:** 2008

MMPI-2-RF: Standard Comparison Groups

- MMPI-2-RF Normative (Men & Women)
- Outpatient, Community Mental Health Center (Men & Women)
- Outpatient, Independent Practice (Men & Women)
- Psychiatric Inpatient, Community Hospital (Men & Women)
- Psychiatric Inpatient, VA Hospital (Men)
- Substance Abuse Treatment, VA (Men)
- Bariatric Surgery Candidate (Men & Women)
- Spine Surgery/Spinal Cord Stimulator Candidates (Men & Women)
- Chronic Pain (Men & Women)
- College Counseling Clinic (Men & Women)
- College Student (Men & Women)
- Forensic, Disability Claimant (Men & Women)
- Forensic, Independent Neuropsychological Examination (Men & Women)
- Forensic, Pre-trial Criminal (Men & Women)
- Forensic, Child Custody (Men & Women)
- Forensic, Parental Fitness Evaluatees (Men & Women)
- Prison Inmate (Men & Women)
- Personnel Screening, Law Enforcement (Men, Women & Combined)
- Personnel Screening, Corrections Officer (Men, Women & Combined)
- Personnel Screening, Clergy Candidates (Men, Women, & Combined)

Administering and Scoring the MMPI-2-RF

- **Scoring:**
 - Normative Sample:
 - MMPI-2 Normative Sample Collected in 1980s
 - Non-gendered norms (1,138 men, 1,138 women)
 - Norms appear to be holding up well (Technical Manual Appendix C)
 - Uniform T scores
 - Comparison Groups
 - Technical Manual Appendix D
 - Embedded in scoring software



MMPI-2-RF: Specific Problems (SP) Scales

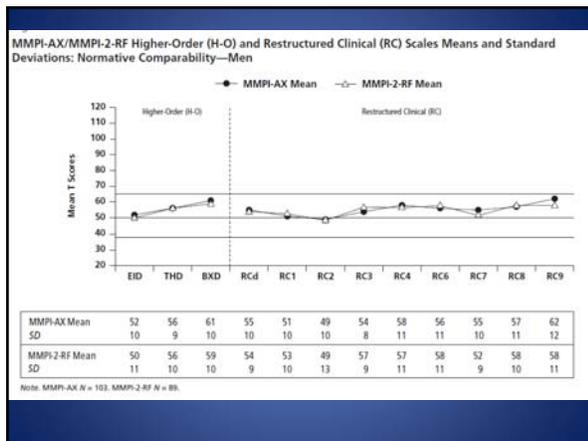
- **Externalizing:**
 - RC4 Facets**
 - JCP: **Juvenile Conduct Problems** – Difficulties at school and at home, stealing
 - SUB: **Substance Abuse** – Current and past misuse of alcohol and drugs
 - RC9 Facets**
 - AGG: **Aggression** – Physically aggressive, violent behavior
 - ACT: **Activation** – Heightened excitation and energy level

MMPI-2-RF: PSY-5 Scales

- Revised versions of dimensional model of personality pathology developed by Allan Harkness and John McNulty:
 - AGGR-r: **Aggressiveness-Revised** – Instrumental, goal-directed aggression
 - PSYC-r: **Psychoticism-Revised** – Disconnection from reality
 - DISC-r: **Disconstraint-Revised** – Under-controlled behavior
 - NEGE-r: **Negative Emotionality/Neuroticism-Revised** – Anxiety, insecurity, worry, and fear
 - INTR-r: **Introversion/Low Positive Emotionality-Revised** – Social disengagement and anhedonia

MMPI-2-RF: Higher-Order Scales

- EID – **Emotional/Internalizing Dysfunction** – Problems associated with mood and affect
- THD – **Thought Dysfunction** – Problems associated with disordered thinking
- BXD – **Behavioral/Externalizing Dysfunction** – Problems associated with under-controlled behavior



MMPI-2-RF: RC Scales

- Identical to MMPI-2 RC Scales
 - RCd: **Demoralization** – General unhappiness and dissatisfaction
 - RC1: **Somatic Complaints** – Diffuse physical health complaints
 - RC2: **Low Positive Emotions** – Lack of positive emotional responsiveness
 - RC3: **Cynicism** – Non-self-referential beliefs expressing distrust and a generally low opinion of others
 - RC4: **Antisocial Behavior** – Rule breaking and irresponsible behavior

MMPI-2-RF: RC Scales

- RC6: **Ideas of Persecution** – Self-referential beliefs that others pose a threat
- RC7: **Dysfunctional Negative Emotions** – Maladaptive anxiety, anger, irritability
- RC8: **Aberrant Experiences** -- Unusual perceptions or thoughts
- RC9: **Hypomanic Activation** – Over-Activation, aggression, impulsivity, and grandiosity

MMPI-2-RF: Specific Problems (SP) Scales

- **Somatic/Cognitive**
 - MLS: **Malaise** – Overall sense of physical debilitation, poor health
 - GIC: **Gastrointestinal Complaints** – Nausea, recurring upset stomach, and poor appetite
 - HPC: **Head Pain Complaints** – Head and neck pain
 - NUC: **Neurological Complaints** – Dizziness, weakness, paralysis, loss of balance, etc.
 - COG: **Cognitive Complaints** – Memory problems, difficulties concentrating

MMPI-2-RF: Specific Problems (SP) Scales

- **Internalizing (RCd Facets):**
 - SUI: **Suicidal/Death Ideation** – Direct reports of suicidal ideation and recent attempts
 - HLP: **Helplessness/Hopelessness** – Belief that goals cannot be reached or problems solved
 - SFD: **Self-Doubt** -- Lack of self-confidence, feelings of uselessness
 - NFC: **Inefficacy** – Belief that one is indecisive and inefficacious

**MMPI-2-RF:
Specific Problems (SP) Scales**

- **Internalizing (RC7 Facets):**
 - **STW: Stress/Worry** -- Preoccupation with disappointments, difficulty with time pressure
 - **AXY: Anxiety** – Pervasive anxiety, frights, frequent nightmares
 - **ANP: Anger Proneness** -- Becoming easily angered, impatient with others
 - **BRF: Behavior-Restricting Fears** -- Fears that significantly inhibit normal behavior
 - **MSF: Multiple Specific Fears** -- Fears of blood, fire, thunder, etc.

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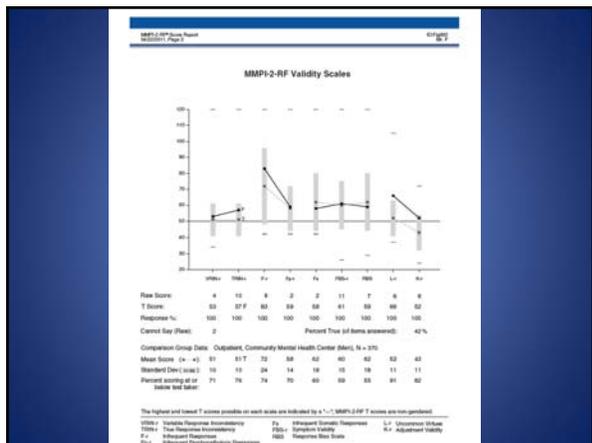
- **Interpersonal:**
 - **FML: Family Problems** – Conflictual family relationships
 - **IPP: Interpersonal Passivity** – Being unassertive and submissive
 - **SAV: Social Avoidance** – Avoiding or not enjoying social events
 - **SHY: Shyness** – Bashful, prone to feel inhibited and anxious around others
 - **DSF: Disaffiliativeness** – Disliking people and being around them

MMPI-2-RF: Interest Scales

- **AES: Aesthetic-Literary Interests** – Literature, music, the theater
- **MEC: Mechanical-Physical Interests** – Fixing and building things, the outdoors, sports

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MMPI-2-RF: Validity Scales

- VRIN-r: **Variable Response Inconsistency** – Random responding
- TRIN-r: **True Response Inconsistency** – Fixed responding
- F-r: **Infrequent Responses** – Responses infrequent in the general population
- Fp-r: **Infrequent Psychopathology Responses** – Responses infrequent in psychiatric populations
- Fs: **Infrequent Somatic Responses** – Somatic complaints infrequent in medical patient populations
- FBS-r: **Symptom Validity** – Somatic and cognitive complaints associated at high levels with over-reporting
- RBS: **Response Bias Scale** - Exaggerated memory complaints
- L-r: **Uncommon Virtues** – Rarely claimed moral attributes or activities
- K-r: **Adjustment Validity** – Avowals of good psychological adjustment associated at high levels with under-reporting



MMPI 2 RF in Forensic Use

- Several surveys have indicated that the MMPI-2 is more frequently used in forensic settings than any other test and is considered appropriate for most forensic questions (Lally, 2003).
- The MMPI-2 is second only to the Wechsler Intelligence Scales in forensic neuropsychological evaluations (Lees-Haley, Smith, Williams, & Dunn, 1996).

MMPI 2 RF in Forensic Use

- The test is also used quite frequently in other countries, such as Australia (Martin, Allan, & Allan, 2001), for forensic purposes.
- Given the instrument's widespread use in forensic assessments, Otto (2002) indicates that the question is not whether it is appropriate to use the MMPI-2 in forensic settings but rather for what purposes.

MMPI-2 RF Limitations

- Criterion norms now very dated.
- Confounding of categories leads to uncertainty about the severity of disorder.
- Considerable item overlap amongst scales (increasing correlations and attenuating their discriminant validity).

MMPI 2 RF Limitations

- High educational and SES of randomization sample may lead to bias against lower educated/SES.
- The number and complexity of scales makes hand scoring difficult and time consuming.
- For maximum accuracy, the test requires a 9th grade reading level.
- Length of test requires sustained attention and cooperative attitude of test taker.
- The interpretive process and set of procedures and checks are considerably more subtle, complicated, and demanding than they appear.

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF Forensic Use

- Admissibility
- In federal courts and most state courts, the applicable standards are outlined in the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (1993).

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF Forensic Use

- Admissibility of MMPI-2 Testimony:
- If an expert relies on the MMPI-2 to form an opinion to be offered in testimony, the basis for this opinion may be scrutinized and admissibility denied if the testimony fails to meet certain standards.

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF Forensic Use

- Admissibility
 - In its ruling on Daubert, the Supreme Court established that trial judges must determine the validity of inferences based on a scientific technique by considering whether
 - (1) the technique can be and has been tested empirically,
 - (2) the technique has been subjected to peer review,
 - (3) the error rates of the technique are known,
 - (4) there are standards for applying the technique, and
 - (5) the technique is generally accepted in the relevant scientific discipline. The last criterion refers back to the Frye v. U.S. (1923) ruling regarding expert testimony, which still applies in several states.

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF Forensic Use

- Admissibility
 - In general, the MMPI-2 meets these criteria. It was developed through an empirical method, and much of its interpretation is based on empirical correlates derived for the scales. Moreover, the applications of the test are inheritably testable.

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF Forensic Use

- Admissibility
 - The MMPI/MMPI-2 has been studied in over 8,800 publications that have appeared in peer-reviewed journals. Psychometric techniques lend themselves well to analyses of error rates (by considering test score reliability), and numerous research studies have examined the false-positive and -negative rates of the test's scales in predicting a variety of phenomena.

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF Forensic Use

- Admissibility
 - The MMPI-2 test manual provides direct guidelines for standardized administration and scoring.
 - Finally the MMPI-2 is one of the most used psychological tests in both clinical practice (Camara et al., 2000) and forensic settings (Lees-Haley, 1992).

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF Forensic Use

- Malingering and Defensiveness: The incentive to distort one's responses on the MMPI-2 is high in both criminal and civil evaluations.
 - Several research studies have suggested that malingering is in fact common in forensic evaluations.
 - Grossman and Wasyliv (1988) estimated that almost 41% of all insanity defendants malingering during psychological evaluations.
 - In personal injury settings, it has been estimated that 18–33% of clients intentionally distort their responses (Binder, 1993; Mittenburg, Patton, Canyock, & Condit, 2002).

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF Forensic Use

- Malingering and Defensiveness
 - MMPI-2 has several scales have been designed to measure over-reporting.
 - The F scales (F, FB, FP) are quite useful for this purpose.
 - The FP scale is the most effective indicator when the base rate for psychopathology is high (Arbisi & Ben-Porath, 1998), and a recent meta-analysis (Rogers et al., 2003) indicates that it has the highest effect size of all MMPI-2 over-reporting indicators in identifying malingering protocols.

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF Forensic Use

- Malingering and Defensiveness
 - Although relatively few research studies have examined the utility of the F scales in forensic settings specifically, some studies have shown that the scales can differentiate individuals who have been asked to malingering on the MMPI-2 from forensic inpatients and criminal defendants (Bagby, Buis, & Nicholson, 1995; Bagby, Rogers, & Buis, 1994; Hawk & Cornell, 1989; Roman, Tuley, Villanueva, & Mitchell, 1990).

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF Forensic Use

- Malingering and Defensiveness
 - In a more recent study, Gallagher (1997) showed that the FP scale added incrementally to F in differentiating correctional inpatients asked to malingering from those who took the test under standard instructions.
 - Moreover, there is no reason to expect that the F scales would function any differently in forensic settings than in the multitude of other settings in which they have been studied.

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF

- Personal Injury/Malingering
- A frequently studied scale in personal injury contexts is the Fake Bad Scale (FBS; Lees-Haley, English, & Glenn, 1991). It was proposed as an alternative to the F Scales as the latter set are sensitive to “acting crazy” exaggeration, which presumably does not frequently occur in personal injury settings in which the individual “acts hurt” (Larrabee, 2003a).

Limitations of MMPI-2 RF

- Personal Injury/Malingering
 - The FBS focuses primarily on somatic embellishment.
 - Empirical support, particularly for identifying individuals who perform sub-optimally on cognitive tasks (Greiffenstein, Baker, Gola, Donders, & Miller, 2002; Larrabee, 2003b, Larrabee, 2003c).

Limitations of MMPI-2 Forensic Use

- Personal Injury/Malingering
 - Questioned its construct validity as scores on the FBS have been found to be potentially confounded with genuine somatic problems, possibly limiting its ability to differentiate between litigants who have suffered genuine physical injuries and those attempting to malingering such conditions

(Bury & Bagby, 2002; Butcher, Arbisi, Atlis, & McNulty, 2003; Dearth et al., 2005; Rogers et al., 2003)

Limitations -Personal Injury/Malingering

– Some questions have also been raised regarding its utility in detecting spurious PTSD complaints

Bury & Bagby, 2002; Elhai, Gold, Frueh, & Gold, 2000.

MMPI-2RF Personal Injury/Malingering

- Underreporting of Problems/Defensiveness
 - Some individuals undergoing forensic assessments may minimize or deny psychological problems.
 - Examples include parents undergoing a child custody evaluation or patients seeking early release from a forensic hospital. Several MMPI-2 scales mentioned earlier (L and K) can be useful in identifying underreporting.

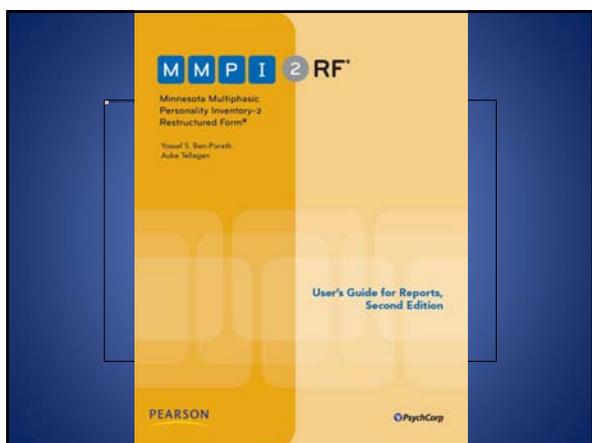


Administering and Scoring the MMPI-2-RF

- Standard Procedures delineated in *Manual for Administration, Scoring, and Interpretation*
- Administration:
 - Before Testing
 - Consider age
 - Inquire about prior testing experience
 - Assess Testability
 - Cognitive wherewithal
 - Vision
 - Reading Level: Grade 4.5 (Flesch Kincaid) 6 (Lexile)
 - Use Standard Administration Modalities
 - Booklet and answer sheet
 - Computer

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MMPI-2 Sample Reports

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Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)

- Authored by Leslie Morey, PhD, the PAI is a multi-scale test of psychological functioning that assesses constructs relevant to personality and psychopathology evaluation (depression, anxiety, aggression) in various contexts including psychotherapy, crisis/evaluation, forensic, personnel selection, pain/medical, and child custody assessment.

PAI

- Uses Linear T-Scores
- Norm group of college students, clinical sample, community persons and census matched
 - Community sample is SES matched for 1995
- Reading level is 4th to 6th grade
- Adults only: 40 minutes
- 5 Broad Areas:
 - validity, clinical, interpersonal style, treatment complications & subject environment



Norm Group Characteristics

<i>Sample</i>	<i>N</i>
Census-Matched Standardization	1,462
Representative Clinical Sample	1,265
College Students Sample	1,051

<i>Sample</i>	<i>White</i>		<i>Black</i>		<i>Others</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Census	41.1%	44.0%	5.4%	6.3%	1.5%	1.7%
Total	85.1%		11.7%		3.2%	

Note: Use of clinical sample with other samples allows comparisons to both typical and clinical groups for better differential diagnosis.

PAI Norms

<u>Education</u>	<u>Census</u>	<u>Clinical</u>	<u>College</u>
< HS	11.3%	19.2%	0.5%
HS	31.4	31.5	36.3
Some Col.	52.4	28.9	56.0
Col.	19.3	11.3	6.6
Some Grad.	12.6	9.2	0.8
<u>Marital Status</u>			
Never mar.	21.5	31.0	96.2
Married	52.2	26.4	2.5
Remarried	8.5	6.2	0.2
Separated	1.1	8.7	0.0
Divorced	9.5	24.5	0.8
Widowed	6.2	1.9	NA
Other	1.1	1.4	0.2

Norms Con't

<u>Race</u>	<u>Clinical</u>	<u>College</u>
White	78.8%	92.5%
Black	12.6	2.8
Other	8.6	4.7
<u>Setting</u>		
Outpatient MH	34.6	
Inpatient MH	24.9	
Outpatient Med.	1.3	
Inpatient Med.	0.6	
Alc. Program	13.6	
Drug Prog.	1.8	
Corrections	10.2	
Pain Clinic	0.2	
Other	12.2	
Voluntary Tx	94.8	
Invol. Tx	5.2	



Test-Retest Reliabilities (24-28 Days)

<u>Scale Name</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>College</u>
Inconsistency	.29	.32
Infrequency	.43	.55
Neg. Impression	.71	.80
Pos. Impression	.81	.75
Somatic Complaints	.86	.81
Anxiety	.88	.88
Anxiety Related Dis.	.85	.84
Depression	.91	.86
Mania	.85	.76

Test-Retest Reliabilities

Scale Name	Community	College
Paranoia	.88	.83
Schizophrenia	.87	.79
Borderline Features	.90	.82
Antisocial Features	.90	.87
Alcohol Problems	.94	.90
Drug Problems	.88	.66
Aggression	.85	.78
Suicidal Ideation	.71	.85
Stress	.88	.72
Nonsupport	.81	.74

Test-Retest Reliabilities

Scale Name	Community	College
Treatment Rejection	.83	.73
Dominance	.77	.60
Warmth	.74	.79

Remember 24-28 days compared to 7 to 14 for MMPI-2



- ### Validity Indicators
- **INC:** 10 item pairs, each with related content. Pairs correlated with one another, but no overall content.
 - Measures respondent consistency.
 - INC below 64T suggests consistent responding.
 - 65T to 72T indicates some inconsistency. Use caution.
 - 73T or more suggests inattentive or inconsistent responding. Call invalid.
- Note: Can have no more than 17 blank/mismarked items.*

Validity Continued

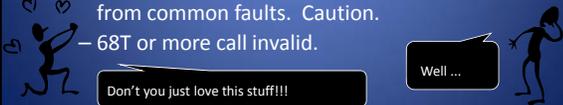
- **INF:** 8 items very low endorsed items. 4 very true and 4 false. No theme to the content. Impact of pathology was minimized.
 - Measures random responding, indifference, carelessness, confusion, or reading difficulties
 - 59T or less suggests appropriate attention and comprehension.
 - 60T to 74T indicates some atypical responding. Caution
 - 75T or more call invalid

Validity Continued

- **NIM (Negative Impression):**
 - 9 items answered differently by those told to “Fake bad” from normals. Clinical groups are somewhat higher.
 - 72T or less indicate no appreciable impact from negative responding.
 - 73T to 91T indicates some exaggeration , cautious interpretation. Cry for help?
 - 92T or more especially negative presentation, or malingering. Call invalid.

Validity Continued

- **PIM (Positive Impression):**
 - 9 items which were answered differently by normals & clinicals in contrast to those instructed to “Fake good.” Normals score slightly higher.
 - 56T or less no appreciable favorable impression
 - 57T to 67T portrayed self as relatively free from common faults. Caution.
 - 68T or more call invalid.



Validity Correlations for the PAI Validity Scales

Correlate	ICN	INF	NIM	PIM
MMPI:Scale L ^a	.03	.13	-.16	.41
MMPI:Scale F ^a	.09	.11	.54	-.37
MMPI: Scale K ^a	-.14	-.09	-.36	.47
Marlowe-Crowne ^b	-.30	.08	-.26	.44
Marlowe-Crowne ^c	-.24	.02	-.23	.56

Note. ICN = Inconsistency scale; INF = Infrequency scale; NIM = Negative Impression scale; PIM = Positive Impression scale.
^a = Clinical sample, n = 81; ^b = Community sample, n = 95; ^c = College student sample, n = 83.

PAI Scales

- 344 items
- Comprising 22 nonoverlapping full scales
- 4 Validity scales
- 11 Clinical scales
- 5 Treatment Consideration scales
- 2 Interpersonal scales

Clinical Scales

- Linear, non-transformed t-scores.
- common ranges (but each scale may differ to some extent)
 - 59T or less (no difficulty)
 - 60T to 69T (No to Moderate difficulty)
 - Upper end is 65T to 68T (mild to moderate difficulty)
 - 70T or more (moderate difficulty)
 - 82T or more (significant difficulty)

Clinical Scales



- **Somatic Complaints (SOM)** (24 items):
 - Items focus on preoccupation with health matters and somatic complaints specific to somatization and conversion disorders. Has 3 subscales: Conversion, Somatization & Health Concerns.
 - 59T or less indicates few bodily or somatic complaints.
 - 60T to 69T some concerns; medical patients, or elderly

- **SOM Continued**

- 70T or more significant concerns and impairment from somatic concerns. Unhappy and pessimistic
- 88T or more indicates a wide array of somatic concerns, involving several biological systems. In most cases these people will have diagnosable somatoform disorders. Little insight., poor prognosis.



- **Anxiety (ANX)** (24 items):

- Items focus on phenomenology and observable signs of anxiety with an emphasis on assessment across different response modalities. 3 subscales are: Cognitive, Affective and Physiological.
- 59T or less reflects a person with few complaints of anxiety, worry or tension.
- 60T to 69T indicates some worry, sensitivity and/or tension.

• **ANX Continued**

- 70T or more indicate significant anxiety, worry and/or tension.
- 91T or more usually indicates generalized impairment associated with anxiety. Serious constriction in life. Trouble meeting minimal role expectations. Mild stressors often precipitation a crisis. Generally a diagnosable anxiety disorder.
- If elevated but ARD (next considered) is not suggest free floating. If ARD has an elevation specific area is indicated.

• **Anxiety-Related Disorders (ARD) (24 items)**

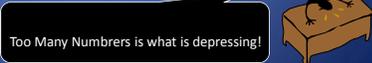
- Items focus on symptoms and behaviors related to specific anxiety disorders. 3 Subscales: Obsessive-Compulsive, Phobias, and Traumatic Stress.
- 59T or less indicates little distress across many situations
- 60T to 69T indicates a specific area of concern, little confidence and worry.

• **ARD Continued**

- 70T or more suggest impairment associated with anxiety related condition(s). Insecure, self-doubting and ruminative.
- 91T or higher is likely to reflect multiple anxiety disorder diagnosis, broad impairment in functioning due to anxiety related conditions. Severe turmoil is likely. Guilt ridden and unable to control anxiety.



- **Depression (DEP)** (24 items):
 - Items focus on symptoms and phenomenology of depressive disorders (unipolar). 3 subscales: Cognitive, Affective, and Physiological
 - 59T or less reflects a person with few complaints about unhappiness or distress. Stability, self-confidence, active, and relaxed.
 - 60T to 69T indicates some unhappiness, sensitivity, pessimism, and/or self-doubt.



- **DEP Continued**
 - 70T or higher indicates significant dysphoria. Despondency, withdrawal, ahedonia, moody, dissatisfied and/or guilt-ridden.
 - 81T or more is indicative of a major depressive episode.



- **Mania (MAN)** (24 items)
 - Items focus on the affective, cognitive, and behavioral symptoms of mania and hypomania. 3 subscales include: Activity level, Grandiosity, and Irritability.
 - 54T or less few endorsed items relating the the features of mania or hypomania.
 - 55T to 64T may be seen as active, outgoing, ambitious, and self-confident. But, by the time they reach the upper end of this range, they are likely to be impatient, or hostile with a quick temper.

• **MAN Continued**

- 65T to 74T is associated with increasing restlessness, impulsivity, and high energy levels. Often seen as unsympathetic and hotheaded.
- 75T or more are typically associated with disorders such as mania, hypomania or cyclothymia. Take on more than they can handle, react with hostility to restrictions on their activities, impulsive, poor delay or gratification. Judgment is often poor and impairment in functioning is likely. Flight of ideas, grandiosity, and inflated sense or self-importance is likely. Narcissism.

• **Paranoia (PAR) (24 items):**

- Items focus on the symptoms of paranoid disorders and more enduring characteristics of paranoid personality. 3 subscales include: Resentment, Hypervigilance and Persecution.
- 59T or less indicates a person is likely to be open and forgiving in relationships.
- 60T to 69T are indicative of individuals who may be seen as sensitive, tough-minded, and skeptical. Towards the upper end, wary or cautious in relationships.

• **PARANOIA**

- 70T or higher person is likely to be overtly suspicious and hostile. Very distrustful.
- 84T or higher typically associated with paranoia of a potentially delusional proportion. Very bitter and resentful of their treatment by others. Expect others to be trying to exploit them. Very jealous in close relationships. Ideas of reference, delusions of persecution are not uncommon.

I'm telling you they ARE out to get me!



- **Schizophrenia (SCZ)** (24 items):

- Items focus on symptoms relevant to the broad spectrum of schizophrenic disorders. 3 subscales include: Psychotic Experiences, Social Detachment & Thought Disorder.
- 59T or less reflects a person who reports being effective in social relationships and who has not trouble with concentration or attention.
- 60T to 69T indicates a person who may be withdrawn, aloof and/or unconventional. At the upper end they are likely to be very cautious and hostile in their few relationships.

- **Schizophrenia**

- 70T or more are likely to be isolated, feel misunderstood and alienated from others. Some difficulties in thinking, concentration, attention or decision-making are likely. May present unusual perceptions or beliefs with psychotic qualities.
- 90T or more are typically associated with an active schizophrenic episode. Confusion, withdrawal and suspiciousness along with poor judgment and reality-testing are likely. Psychotic symptoms are likely.



I'm a special kind of fish ...

- **Borderline Features (BOR)** (24 items)

- Item content focuses on attributes of borderline type personality functioning. This includes unstable and fluctuating interpersonal relations, impulsivity, affective liability, emotional instability, and uncontrolled anger. 4 subscales include: Affective Instability, Identity Problems, Negative Relations, and Self-Harm.
- 59T or less suggests the person reports being emotionally stable, and in stable relationships.

• **BORDERLINE Features**

- 60T to 69T indicate the person may be moody, sensitive, with uncertainty about life goals. Young adults often score in this range. At the upper end of this range anger and dissatisfaction with relationships increases.
- 70T or more the person is likely to be impulsive and emotionally labile, feeling misunderstood with difficulty maintaining close relationships. Others often see this person as egocentric. A combination of anger-hostility and anxiety-dependence make them difficult to deal with.

• **BORDERLINE FEATURES**

- 92T or more are typically associated with personality functioning within the borderline range. Often in state of crisis, generally due to relationships. Hostility, anger and feeling betrayed are common. Often depressed, impulsive, anxious, self destructive, or sabotage their own goals. Use of chemicals, suicide or aggression are common.

He seemed to just go scotters on us ...



• **Antisocial Features (ANT) (24 items)**

- Content focuses on a history of acts and authority problems, egocentrism, lack of empathy/loyalty, instability and excitement-seeking. 3 subscales include: Antisocial Behaviors, Egocentricity and Stimulus-Seeking.
- 59T or less reflects a person who reports being reasonable empathetic and warm in their relationships. These people often have reasonable control over their impulses have an internalized set or standards and do not take great risks.

• **ANTISOCIAL FEATURES**

- 60T to 69T suggests a person who may be seen as impulsive and a risk taker. Young adults often score in this range (particularly males). At the upper end of this range there may be increasing self-centeredness, skepticism of others and unsympathetic attitudes.
- 70T or more hostility and impulsiveness are likely. There is often a history of antisocial actions. Others may see them as exploitive, and they often have difficulty with long-term relationships.

• **ANTISOCIAL FEATURES**

- 82T or more are typically associated with prominent features of antisocial personality disorder. Often seen as unreliable, irresponsible, and having little sustained success in sustained occupational or social activities. Often these people are coldly pragmatic, and exploitative for their own needs. recklessness and a history of conflicts with authority figures are commo

I'll take one of these and one of these and ...



• **Alcohol Problems (ALC) (12 items)**

- Items focus directly on problematic consequences of alcohol use and features of alcohol dependence. Questions are obvious so denial can easily suppress the scale.
- 59T or less indicates a person who reports little to moderate alcohol use and few adverse consequences related to drinking.
- 60T to 69T are indicative of a person who may drink regularly and may have experienced some adverse consequences of drinking. As the score in this range increase the likelihood of difficulties increases.

• **ALC Continued**

- 70T or more indicate responses which generally suggest alcohol abuse. Significant difficulties due to drinking are likely. Relationships and/or work with possible general functioning likely to have suffered from drinking.
- 84T or more (average scores for those in treatment centers) are typically associated with alcohol dependence. Typically these folks are unable to cut down on their drinking, feel guilty about use and may have had blackouts.
- 98T or more are associated with an extreme degree of alcohol dependence.

• **Drug Problems (DRG) (12 items)**

- Items focus directly on problematic consequences of drug use (prescription and illicit) and features of drug dependence. Content is obvious so it is easily distorted.
- 59T or lower indicates responses suggesting a person who uses infrequently or not at all.
- 60T to 69T are indicative of a person who may use drugs on a fairly regular basis, and may experienced some adverse consequences as a result. Toward the upper end of the range increasing likelihood of past or current history of difficulties related to use.

• **DRG Continued**

- 70T or more the person is likely to meet the criteria for drug abuse. Difficulties in work or social performance are common. General functioning may be compromised.
- 80T or more (average scores for treatment centers) are typically associated with drug dependence. Folks are likely to have trouble reducing use, and feel unable to control use. dependence and withdrawal are likely. Social and occupational interference are likely.

- **DRG Continued**

- 96T or more are associated with extreme drug dependence.



Treatment Consideration Scales

- **Aggression (AGG)** (18 items)

- Items tap characteristics and attitudes related to anger, hostility and aggression. This includes a history of aggression (verbal or physical) and attitudes conducive to aggressive behavior. 3 subscales include: Aggressive Attitude, Verbal Aggression and Physical Aggression. Content is obvious and so easily distorted.

- **AGG Continued**

- 40T or less may indicate a meek and unassertive person.
 - 59T or less reflect a reasonable control over the expression of anger and hostility.
 - 60T to 69T are indicative of someone who may be seen as impatient, irritable and quick-tempered. Upper end of range increasing anger and angry reactions likely.
 - 70T or more are associated with chronic anger and free expression of this anger or hostility. The modality of expression should be examined closely.

• **AGG Continued**

– 83T or more are typically associated with considerable anger and potential for aggression. These people are easily provoked, are often explosive. Poor frustration tolerance. People are often afraid of their temper, and close relationships are suffering from it. History of fights, and other episodes are likely. Legal difficulties, or occupational difficulties are common. If AGG-V is low and AGG-P is high there is often little or no warning before actions.

• **Suicidal Ideation (SUI) (12 items)**

– Items focus on suicidal ideation, ranging from hopelessness through general and vague thoughts of suicide, to thoughts representing distinct plans for the suicidal act.
– 59T or less generally reflects a person who has few (or no) thoughts about suicide and death.
– 60T to 69T are indicative of a person who entertains periodic and transient thoughts of suicide and is pessimistic and unhappy about the future. Follow-up is suggested.

• **SUI Continued**

– 70T or more indicate responses of significant suicidal ideation. Individuals are typically anxious or depressed. Generally see themselves as without support. “cries for help” are sometimes seen in this range. Careful evaluation is indicated.
– 84T or more (average scores for suicidal inpatients) are associated with imminent plans for self-harm. Immediate evaluation is indicated. Generally have little hope, feel unsupported, despair, feel useless, feel ineffectual, feel bitter.
– 101T or more are rare and suggest a morbid preoccupation with thought or suicide.

• **Stress (STR)** (8 items)

- Items focus on the impact of current or recent stressors in the areas of family, health, employment, finances, and other major life areas.
- 59T or less reflects a person who reports his or her life as being stable, predictable, and uneventful.
- 60T to 69T indicates a moderate degree of stress as a result of difficulties in some major life area.

• **STR Continued**

- 70T or more the stress related to significant difficulties is likely to be significant. At risk for adjustment or reactive disorders.
- 77T to 91T indicate people who perceive themselves as surrounded by crisis in nearly all major life area. Their life is in turmoil. Often feel powerless to control their life.



• **Treatment Rejection (RXR)** (8 items):

- Items focus on attributes theoretically predictive of interest and motivation to make changes of a psychological or emotional nature: feelings of distress and dissatisfaction, willingness to participate, recognition of need for change, openness to new ideas and a willingness to accept responsibility for actions.
- 42T or less indicates the respondent recognizes major difficulties in his/her functioning and sees an acute need for help.

• **RXR Continued**

- 43T to 52T reflects a person who acknowledges the need to make some changes, has a positive attitude toward personal change, and accepts personal responsibility. The scores at the upper end of this range are not generally found for those with some type of impairment.
- 53T to 62T are found for those who are generally satisfied with their themselves as they are and see little need for major change. At the upper end of this range generally have little motivation to enter therapy and are at risk for early termination..

• **RXR Continued**

- 63T or more reflects a person who admits to few difficulties and has no desire to change the status quo. These people rarely seek therapy on their own, and are resistant to therapy. Often these people see little value in treatment and will not invest (emotionally or financially) in it.



I am just too cool to ever need therapy.

Interpersonal Scales

- This pair of scales are generally seen as serving as intersecting axis. There are 4 basic quadrants:
 - DOM Hi-WRM Hi
 - DOM Lo-WRM Hi
 - DOM Hi-WRM Lo
 - DOM Lo-WRM Lo



- **Dominance (DOM) (12 items)**

- An interpersonal scale assessing the extent to which a person is controlling and independent in personal relationships. Conceptualized as a bi-polar dimension, with a dominant interpersonal style at the high end and a submissive style at the low end.
- 29T or less indicates a very submissive style. The person has little confidence in social situations. Often have difficulty getting their needs met in personal relationships. May be exploited by others.

- **DOM Continued**

- 30T to 39T suggests individuals who are rather modest and retiring. They are generally self-conscious in social situations, and are not skilled at asserting themselves when needed. Generally uncomfortable if the focus of attention.
- 60T to 69T suggests an individual who is self-assured, confident, and forceful. Not unfriendly, but may be very self-reliant and controlling. Generally comfortable in social settings but prefers settings where they are in control.

- **DOM Continued**

- 70T or more the person's need for control is generally quite pronounced. This probably taxes the endurance of those who are close to the respondent. Person tends to be domineering. low tolerance for those who disagree. Others often see the person as self-important, overbearing and dictatorial.

Get the blue shirt to relax in ...



- **Warmth (WRM)** (12 items):

- An interpersonal scale assessing the extent to which a person is supportive and empathetic in personal relationships. Conceptualized as a bi-polar dimension, with a warm, outgoing interpersonal style at the high end and a cold, rejecting interpersonal style at the low end.
- 29T or less indicates a person who has little interest or investment in social interactions. These people are often seen as cold and unfeeling, and they have little patience with the faults of others. Difficulty displaying emotions, few (if any) close relationships.

- **WRM Continued**

- 30T to 39T indicates the person is somewhat distant in personal relationships. Often this person sees little need for close, lasting relationships. Often seen as unsympathetic and stern. Less concerned about others opinions than is usually true.
- 60T to 69T suggest an individual who is warm, sympathetic, and supportive. Generally eager to be liked with being critical is often hard for them even when needed. Ready to forgive and may be taken advantage of by others.

- **WRM Continued**

- 70T or more indicates a need for acceptance which is very pronounced. May be very dependent. Others see them as too trusting, and supportive of others for their own good.



Of course I like people, what are you talking about?!?

Cluster Profiles

- **Cluster 1:** Flat profile. No scales above 60T. May be lower significant elevations on a scale or STR.
- **Cluster 2:** Prominent elevations of DEP and SUI with some elevations of SOM, ANX, ARD, SCZ, STR, NON and BOR.
 - Suicide Risk
- **Cluster 3:** Prominent elevations of ALC and SOM, with some elevations of DEP STR and ANX.

Cluster Profiles Con't

- **Cluster 4:** Prominent elevations of ALC and DRG with elevations of DEP, BOR, SUI, STR, and ANX. Mean NIM was 70T.
 - Assault Risk
- **Cluster 5:** Elevations on ANX and STR with some elevation of BOR. Often no clinical scales above 70T.

Cluster Profiles Con't

- **Cluster 6:** Moderate elevations of SCZ and BOR. Often STR, NON, and ANT above 60T. Often no prominent elevations.
- **Cluster 7:** Marked elevations of DEP, ANX, ARD, and SUI, with BOR and STR often above 70T.
 - High Suicide Risk

Cluster Profiles Con't

- **Cluster 8:** Marked Elevations of SOM with DEP and ANX often above 70T.
- **Cluster 9:** marked elevations on DRG with DRG also prominent.
- **Cluster 10:** Marked elevations on SUI, BOR, and DEP with SCZ, PAR, NON, ANX and ARD also elevated. NIM was prominent. SCZ or BOR most common high point.
 - Confusion, High Suicide Risk. Borderline features. Schizoaffective Features.

Short Form

- Rarely a need.
- 1st 160 items of the inventory.
- All scales but ICN and STR are made. Median Correlation of .91 with full length
- Uses Census matched sample.
- Invalid if more than 8 blank.
- Do not use if an important decision needs to be made

PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT INVENTORY™

Clinical Interpretive Report

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Client Information

Client Name : Sample A, Client
 Client ID : 12345678
 Age : 24
 Gender : Male
 Education : 12
 Marital Status : Single
 Referral Date : 01/12/2008
 Referral Site : Not Specified

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PAI Strengths

- The PAI is often used in forensics and corrections, where moderate support for its validity has been noted. The PAI has a number of strengths for applied psychological assessment.
 - First, respondents are asked to rate their responses on a 4-point graduated scale, (false, somewhat true, mainly true, very true,) rather than a true/false scale. This contributes to greater scale reliability and validity, as it provides respondents with the opportunity to give nuanced ratings of themselves.

PAI Strengths

- Second, it is relatively economical, assessing most of the constructs that are widely considered important in clinical personality assessment with only 344 items.
- Third, nearly all of the PAI items are readable at the 4th grade level. Brevity and straightforward item wording reduce the administrative burden on respondents.

PAI Strengths

- All of the constructs measured by the PAI are commonly used by psychologists and are named in such a way that they can be readily understood.
- Unlimited-use interpretive software that was written by the test author is available from the publisher.
- As well as an adolescent version of the test, the Personality Assessment Inventory-Adolescent (PAI-A), developed for use with adolescents 12 to 18 years of age. This measure requires only fourth-grade reading level and takes only 45 minutes to complete

PAI Strengths

- The PAI-A also has the advantage of assessing borderline features, which most other instruments used with adolescents do not include.

PAI Strengths

- (statistical) strengths of the PAI, importantly including content validity and discriminant validity.

PAI Limitations

- PAI-A scales do not correspond directly with [DSM](#) categories.

FMHE DATA Interpretation

- Identify Hypotheses
- The individual does not have a genuine clinical condition
- The individual has a Clinical Condition but there is no Functional Limitation/Impairment that interfere with Work Capacity
- Individual has CC w/Functional Limitation that interferes with Work Capacity
- Individual is unable to perform their substantial occupational duties for reason(s)
Not Related to an injury

Functional Ability – Job Demands

- Do the Functional abilities pre and post affects on Job Demands
- How is the Work Capacity limited

- RULE OUT other Causes of Work Impairment

Depression

- Depression
 - Fatigue
 - Decreased work output
 - Mild Impaired executive functioning
 - Impaired Working Memory
 - Impaired Verbal Fluency

Many individuals work while suffering Depression

Bipolar

Bipolar

- Mood Cycling
- Impaired decision making
- Interpersonal Conflicts
- Impaired Verbal memory
- Impaired executive functions

Bipolar symptoms have greater affect on Work Capacity

Anxiety

Anxiety

- Panic Disorder – Missing Work, Avoidance
- Issues with Attention
 - OCD – Selective Attention
- Impaired verbal Memory
- Preoccupation with trauma or threats

Any Questions?