

International Trauma Questionnaire

Instructions

Please identify the experience that troubles you most and answer the questions in relation to this experience.

Brief description of experience

When did the experience occur? (circle one)

- a. less than 6 months ago
- b. 6–12 months ago
- c. 1–5 years ago
- d. 5–10 years ago
- e. 10–20 years ago
- f. more than 20 years ago

Below are a number of problems that people sometimes report in response to traumatic or stressful life events. Please read each item carefully and then circle one of the numbers to the right to indicate how much you have been bothered by that problem in the past month.

		Not at all	A little bit	Moderately	Quite a bit	Extremely
Re	1. Having upsetting dreams that replay part of the experience or are clearly related to the experience?	0	1	2	3	4
	2. Having powerful images or memories that sometimes come into your mind in which you feel the experience is happening again in the here and now?	0	1	2	3	4
Av	3. Avoiding internal reminders of the experience (for example, thoughts, feelings or physical sensations)?	0	1	2	3	4
	4. Avoiding external reminders of the experience (for example, people, places, conversations, objects, activities or situations)?	0	1	2	3	4
Th	5. Being 'super-alert', watchful or on guard?	0	1	2	3	4
	6. Feeling jumpy or easily startled?	0	1	2	3	4
<i>In the past month have the above symptoms:</i>						
Impairment	7. Affected your relationships or social life?	0	1	2	3	4
	8. Affected your work or ability to work?	0	1	2	3	4
	9. Affected any other important part of your life such as parenting, or school or college work, or other important activities?	0	1	2	3	4

Individual scores greater than or equal to 2-“Moderately” indicate the presence of a symptom. Per ICD-11 algorithm, PTSD diagnosis requires at least one of two symptoms from each of the Re, Av, and Th clusters plus at least one Impairment rated Moderately or higher.

Below are problems or symptoms that people who have had stressful or traumatic events sometimes experience. The questions refer to ways you typically feel, ways you typically think about yourself and ways you typically relate to others. Answer the following thinking about how true each statement is of you.

	<i>How true is this of you?</i>	Not at all	A little bit	Moderately	Quite a bit	Extremely
<i>AD</i>	1. When I am upset, it takes me a long time to calm down.	0	1	2	3	4
	2. I feel numb or emotionally shut down.	0	1	2	3	4
<i>NSC</i>	3. I feel like a failure.	0	1	2	3	4
	4. I feel worthless.	0	1	2	3	4
<i>DR</i>	5. I feel distant or cut-off from people	0	1	2	3	4
	6. I find it hard to stay emotionally close to people.	0	1	2	3	4
<i>In the past month, have the above problems in emotions, in beliefs about yourself and in relationships:</i>						
<i>Impairment</i>	7. Affected your relationships or social life?	0	1	2	3	4
	8. Affected your work or ability to work?	0	1	2	3	4
	9. Affected any other important part of your life such as parenting, or school or college work, or other important activities?	0	1	2	3	4

Individual scores greater than or equal to 2-“Moderately” indicate the presence of a symptom. Per ICD-11 algorithm, Complex PTSD diagnosis requires at least one of two symptoms from each of the AD, NSC, and DR symptom clusters plus at least one Impairment rated Moderately or higher.

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