FRIENDSHIP SCALE

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Source: The items come from the 6-item Friendship Scale. Used with permission.

Reference: Hawthorne, G. (2006). Measuring social isolation in older adults: Development and initial validation of the Friendship Scale. *Social Indicators Rese*arch, 77, 521-548.

Scale Description: The Friendship Scale is a short, 6-item scale assessing social isolation.

Scoring and Algorithm

Note: For each assessment, there is an algorithm leading to one of three acuity ranges: Low, Moderate, or High. The logic for the user receiving specific feedback is included in the algorithms below.

Scoring and Algorithm

Each item is scored 0-4, as indicated below. Total is sum of all 6 items, possible range for total is 0-24.

For Questions #1, #3, #4 the items are scored:

Almost always = 4
Most of the time = 3
About half the time = 2
Occasionally = 1
Never = 0

Questions #2, #5, #6, the items are scored:

Almost always = 0
Most of the time = 1
About half the time = 2
Occasionally = 3
Never = 4

Algorithm

Total = 19-24   Friendship High Acuity
Total = 16-18   Friendship Moderate Acuity
Total = 0-15   Friendship Low Acuity

FRIENDSHIP ASSESSMENT

During the past four weeks:

1. It has been easy to relate to others.

    __Almost always
    __Most of the time
    __About half the time
    __Occasionally
    __Not at all

2. I felt isolated from other people.

    __Almost always
    __Most of the time
    __About half the time
    __Occasionally
    __Not at all

3. I had someone to share my feelings with.

    __Almost always
    __Most of the time
    __About half the time
    __Occasionally
    __Not at all

4. I found it easy to get in touch with others when I needed to.

    __Almost always
    __Most of the time
    __About half the time
    __Occasionally
    __Not at all

5. When with other people, I felt separate from them.

    __Almost always
    __Most of the time
    __About half the time
    __Occasionally
    __Not at all

6. I felt alone and friendless.

    __Almost always
    __Most of the time
    __About half the time
    __Occasionally
    __Not at all