PTSD Assessment

You can complete this form and print it for easy reference. When you exit the form, the information will be deleted.

Below is a list of problems and complaints that people sometimes have in response to stressful life experiences. Please read each one carefully. Then enter the appropriate number in the right-hand column to show how much you have been bothered by that problem in the last month.

1 = Not at all 2 = A little bit 3 = Moderately 4 = Quite a bit 5 = Extremely

Repeated, disturbing memories, thoughts, or images of a stressful experience from the past. Repeated, disturbing **dreams** of a stressful experience from the past. Suddenly acting or **feeling** as if a stressful experience **were happening again** (as if you were reliving it). Feeling very upset when something reminded you of a stressful experience from the past. Having physical reactions (e.g., heart pounding, trouble breathing, sweating) when something reminded **you** of a stressful experience from the past. Avoiding thinking about or talking about a stressful experience from the past or avoiding having feelings related to it. Avoiding activities or situations because they reminded you of a stressful experience from the past. Trouble remembering important parts of a stressful experience from the past. **Loss of interest** in activities that you used to enjoy. Feeling **distant** or **cut off** from other people. Feeling **emotionally numb** or being unable to have loving feelings for those close to you. Feeling as if your **future** will somehow be **cut short**. Trouble falling or staying asleep. Feeling irritable or having angry outbursts. Having difficulty concentrating. Being "super-alert" or watchful or on guard. Feeling **jumpy** or easily startled.

To find your score, add up the numbers you entered. If your score is:

- 0 16 = No symptoms of PTSD.
- 17 20 = No to minimum symptoms of PTSD.
- 21 29 = Mild symptoms of PTSD.
- 30 49 = Moderate symptoms of PTSD.
- 50 86 = Severe symptoms of PTSD.

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