

The Psychosocial Impact of Assistive Devices Scale - Plain Language Version

What information will I gain from the Psychosocial Impact of Assistive Devices Scale - Plain Language Version?

The Psychosocial Impact of Assistive Devices Scale (PIADS) Plain Language Version has been produced by our research team by adapting the original Children's Version of the PIADS, with the permission of first author of the original questionnaire.¹

Like the standard version, the PIADS Plain Language Version aims to 'assess the effects of an assistive device on functional independence, well-being, and quality of life'.² The PIADS Plain Language Version is a 15-item questionnaire that can help gain knowledge about the user's subjective experience of a specific assistive device; highlight the level of support someone might need to use a particular product; or identify positive impacts or challenges experienced when using the assistive technology. This is achieved by the person providing responses to items (or phrases) related to three subscales: competence, adaptability, and self-esteem.

Four additional short questions explore frequency and usage requirements of the technology. This version of the tool features the use of five-point "smiley face" scales and short plain language phrases, aiming to make the items easier to understand and quicker to respond to.¹ The person may benefit from support from a clinician, family member, or other key supporter to understand and complete the tool.

¹ <https://piads.at/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Childrens-PIADS-User-Manual.pdf>

² https://piads.at/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/PIADS_MANUAL__03b_2.pdf

How long does it take to administer the PIADS – Plain Language Version?

The assessment will take around 5-10 minutes to complete and can be completed either in-person or over the telephone.

How do I report or score the PIADS – Plain Language Version?

The PIADS manual provides guidance on scoring and reporting of results.¹

How do I get more information on, or access to, the PIADS – Plain Language Version?

Go to <https://piads.at/portfolio/> for information about the various versions of the PIADS.



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