

Structured Interview of Reported Symptoms (SIRS-2)

The SIRS-2 is a structured clinical interview designed to assess malingering or the deliberate exaggeration of psychiatric symptoms. Mainly used in forensic psychology and in complex clinical evaluations, it helps the psychologist analyze the credibility of reported symptoms, inconsistencies in the person's account, and atypical response styles. The tool explores, in particular, symptoms that are rare, improbable, absurd, blatant, selective, or inconsistent with clinical observation. Administered by a trained professional, the SIRS-2 provides several primary scales and supplementary indices for estimating the likelihood of a genuine or feigned presentation. It ideally fits into a multimethod approach including interview, observation, records, and other symptom validity tests.

Number of questions	172 questions
Estimated duration	35 minutes
Language	English
Original name	Structured Interview of Reported Symptoms
Target audience	Adults
Authors	Richard Rogers, Kenneth W. Sewell, Nicholas D. Gillard (2010)

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Scoring & interpretation

Scoring is carried out by the clinician according to the manual, based on the answers to 172 items administered in a structured interview. The answers feed into several primary scales and supplementary indices focused on rare, improbable, amplified, or inconsistent symptoms. Interpretation does not rely on a single total score, but on examining the scale profile, the clinical cutoffs, and the decision rules in the manual in order to estimate the likelihood of malingering, exaggeration, or a credible presentation. The results must always be integrated into the clinical and forensic context.

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