

Swanson, Nolan, and Pelham-IV Scale (SNAP-IV)

The SNAP-IV is a behavioral rating scale used mainly to screen for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and oppositional defiant disorder in children. It collects information from teachers and parents on the frequency and severity of symptoms related to ADHD and other behavioral disorders.

Number of questions	26 questions
Estimated duration	6 minutes
Language	English
Original name	Swanson, Nolan, and Pelham-IV Scale
Target audience	Children (ages 6-18)
Authors	James M. Swanson, Richard Nolan, Daniel Pelham (2001)
Category	ADHD, Childhood

Preview of the 26 questions

Fails to pay attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork

Never or not at all | A little | Often | Very often

Has difficulty sustaining attention in tasks or in play

Never or not at all | A little | Often | Very often

Does not seem to listen when spoken to personally

Never or not at all | A little | Often | Very often

Does not follow instructions and fails to finish schoolwork

Never or not at all | A little | Often | Very often

Has difficulty organizing tasks or activities

Never or not at all | A little | Often | Very often

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Scoring & interpretation

Each item is rated on a scale from 0 (Not at all) to 3 (Very much). The items are grouped into three subscales: Inattention (items 1 to 9), Hyperactivity/Impulsivity (items 10 to 18), and Oppositional Defiant Disorder (items 19 to 26). The score for each subscale is the sum of its items and is compared with clinical cutoffs (mild, moderate, severe) to guide screening.

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