

## **THE ADULT ADHD CLINICAL DIAGNOSTIC SCALE (ACDS)**

This measure is administered in interview format. It begins with a retrospective assessment of symptoms of childhood ADHD, and continues up until more recently (past six months). It assesses all nine DSM-IV Criterion A symptoms of inattention and nine of hyperactivity/impulsivity, plus fourteen non-DSM symptoms believed to be relevant to adult ADHD based on the clinical experience of the ACDS developers. These items include difficulties with planning and organization, inattention, and mood lability.

Adler, L., & Spencer, T. (2004). *The adult ADHD clinical diagnostic scale (ACDS), version 1.2*. New York: New York University School of Medicine.