The Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI)


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Price & Availability – Paper and pencil and computer assisted personal interviewing available. You cannot receive the scoring algorithms for this instrument without first taking the course in its use. For more information about training see instrument website.

Brief Description of Instrument – International epidemiologic tool for comprehensive assessment of mental health, covers 40 DSM-VI disorders. Various translations available. Allows diagnoses to be made according to multiple diagnostic systems when administered by non-clinicians and scored by computer. Modular in design so that it can be used for broad range of disorders, or a few specific ones.

Administration time – 1 hour.
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**Scale Format** – Varies, yes/no, checklist, open ended.

**Administration Technique** – Interviewer administered.

**Scoring and Interpretation** – Training course required before access to scoring algorithms are released. Computer program for instrument scoring available.

**Factors and Norms** – Prevalence, severity and burden of mental disorders; service use; use of medications; barriers to treatment. Please see instrument website for more details.

**Construct Validity** – Extensive validation of tool and translations. See instrument website for details.

**Content & Face Validity** – Instrument development built on existing instruments such as the DSM-VI and the ICD-10.

**Strengths** – Can be administered by lay interviewers. Instrument has been evaluated internationally, creates opportunity for researchers to make cross-cultural/international comparisons.

**Published APN Studies using instrument** — Bryant-Lukosius DE. Defining the advanced practice nursing role in advanced prostate cancer: Application of a systematic patient-focused approach. McMaster University, Canada. 2003; Ph.D. 290 p.

