MIRACLE Counseling

## LEVEL 2-Mania-Parent/Guardian of Child Age 6-17*

## *Adapted from the Altman Self-Rating Mania Scale (ASRM)



Instructions to parent/guardian: On the DSM-5 Level 1 cross-cutting questionnaire you just completed, you indicated that during the past 2 weeks your child receiving care has been bothered by "sleeping less than usual, but still have a lot of energy" and/or "only sleeping for a short time at night" at a mild or greater level of severity. The five statement groups or questions below ask about these feelings in more detail.

1. Please read each group of statements/question carefully.
2. Choose the one statement in each group that best describes the way your child has been feeling for the past week.
3. Check the box ( $\checkmark$ or $x$ ) next to the number/statement selected.
4. Please note: The word "occasionally" when used here means once or twice; "often" means several times or more and "frequently" means most of the time.


## Instructions to Clinicians

The DSM-5 Level 2-Mania—Parent/Guardian of Child Age 6-17 measure is the Altman Self-Rating Mania Scale adapted for informant reporting on the child's manic symptoms. The ASRM is a 5-item self-rating mania scale designed to assess the presence and/or severity of manic symptoms. The adapted version of the measure is completed by the parent or guardian about the child prior to a visit with the clinician. Each item asks the parent or guardian to rate the severity of the child's manic symptom during the past 7 days.

## Scoring and Interpretation

Each item on the measure is rated on a 5-point scale (i.e., 1 to 5 ) with the response categories having different anchors depending on the item. The ASRM total score can range from 5 to 25 with higher scores indicating greater severity of manic symptoms. The clinician is asked to review the score of each item on the measure during the clinical interview and indicate the raw score for each item in the section provided for "Clinician Use." The raw scores on the 5 items should be summed to obtain a total raw score and should be interpreted using the Interpretation Table for the ASRM below:

## Interpretation Table for the ASRM

- A score of 6 or higher indicates a high probability of a manic or hypomanic condition
- A score of 6 or higher may indicate a need for treatment and/or further diagnostic workup
- A score of 5 or lower is less likely to be associated with significant symptoms of mania

Note: If 2 or more items are left unanswered on the measure, the total scores should not be calculated. Therefore, the parent or guardian should be encouraged to complete all of the items on the measure. If only 4 of the 5 items on the measure are answered, you are asked to calculate a prorated score. The prorated score is calculated by summing the scores of items that were answered to get a partial raw score. Next, multiply the partial raw score by the total number of items on the ASRM (i.e., 5). Finally, divide the value by the number of items that were actually answered (i.e., 4).

## Prorated Score $=\quad($ Partial Raw Score $\times$ number of items on the ASRM $)$ Number of items that were actually answered

If the result is a fraction, round to the nearest whole number.

The prorated total raw score should be interpreted using the Interpretation Table for the ASRM scale above.

## Frequency of Use:

To track change in the severity of the child's manic symptoms over time, the measure may be completed at regular intervals as clinically indicated, depending on the stability of the child's symptoms and treatment status. For consistency, it is preferred that completion of the measures at follow-up appointments is by the same parent or guardian. Consistently high scores on a particular domain may indicate significant and problematic areas for the child that might warrant further assessment, treatment, and follow-up. Your clinical judgment should guide your decision.

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NOTES:

The APA is offering a number of "emerging measures" for further research and clinical evaluation. These patient assessment measures were developed to be administered at the initial patient interview and to monitor treatment progress. They should be used in research and evaluation as potentially useful tools to enhance clinical decision-making and not as the sole basis for making a clinical diagnosis. Instructions, scoring information, and interpretation guidelines are provided; further background information can be found in DSM-5. The APA requests that clinicians and researchers provide further data on the instruments' usefulness in characterizing patient status and improving patient care at http:// www.dsm5.org/Pages/Feedback-Form.aspx.

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