Tests and Measures for Nursing
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Databases:

**CINAHL Plus with Full Text** (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health)

- Perform search
- Limit search results under **Publication type** to Questionnaire or Research instrument and **Language** English.
- Click **Search**

![Search interface for CINAHL Plus with Full Text](image)
Select one of interest:

Critical Care Family Needs Inventory (CCFNI).

- **Authors:** Moller NC; Leske JS
- **Source:** Jane S. Leslie, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53201, 1995 (4 p) (D ref)
- **Publication Type:** research instrument - questionnaire/scale
- **Language:** English
- **Major Subjects:** Critical Care Family Needs Inventory
  - Critical Illness – Psychosocial Factors
  - Family Assessment
  - Family Coping
  - Family – Psychosocial Factors
  - Family Attitudes
  - Critically Ill Patients – Psychosocial Factors
- **Minor Subjects:** Needs Assessment; Attitude Measures; Test-Retest Reliability; Coefficient Alpha; Content Validity; Construct Validity; Self Assessment; Scales
- **Abstract:** The CCFNI is a 45-item self-report scale of specific needs of family members after critical illness. Degree of need importance is rated on a scale of one to four. As determined by factor analysis, the instrument contains items to assess five dimensions of family needs: needs for support, comfort, information, proximity, and assurance. (CINAHL abstract)
- **Entry Date:** 19950201
- **Revision Date:** 20001000
- **Accession Number:** 1995025143

**Note:** In full-text, Questions are listed, but copyright given

**Description:**

Check reliability and validity of instrument. Note: No modifications, copyright and How to obtain.
Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI)

HaPI provides information on measurements (questionnaires, rating scales, checklists, coding schemes, and interview schedules for the health and psychosocial sciences fields. While the full-text of the instruments are not included within the database, you can use the database in several ways:

- Discover instruments that exist
- Determine reliability and validity evidence of these instruments
- Track the history of the instrument
- See what instruments have been developed within your field
- Locate ordering information for the instrument
- Get copyright information for the instrument

Searching:

- Place terms within the search boxes
  - Primary: Original articles where it was first published or resource that has the full-text of the instrument
  - Secondary source: Literature describing how instrument was used, outcomes and details like sample questions, but that does not contain the instrument
Review: Sources that review the instrument

- Click <Search>

Select an instrument **Nursing Stress Scale**

Obtaining a copy of the instrument

- If you are willing to pay a fee, Behavioral Measurement Database Service, producers of HaPI, will take care of the details. Single instruments cost $20.00, if they have it. The cost is $30.00 if BMDS has to search and locate the instrument.

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**Mental Measurements Yearbook**

- To search by instrument title, go to the pull-down menu and select TI test name.
- In the search box type the name of the test and click <Search>.
- Click on the name of the test to see the complete entry
• If you don’t know the name of your instrument, type a keyword/s into the search box and leave the pull-down menu at <Select a field>

ERIC via EBSCOHost (education related literature)
• For a specific test, search by instrument name, not keyword, and limit to Publication type: tests/questionnaires. This will yield articles where the instrument is included
• For test reviews, search by instrument name and thesaurus terms such as test validity, test reliability, or test reviews in SU descriptor field

PsycINFO (good place for checking for biases)
• Find a specific test by instrument name or acronym and add terms such as scale, questionnaire, etc.

• Search by keyword in the Tests and Measures field and click <Search>

• Test reviews search by instrument name in one search box and add thesaurus terms such as test validity or test reliability in the subject field
TestLink (ETS) free, online database of tests/measuring devices.  
https://www.ets.org/  
- For specific test, search by instrument name  
- For articles, search by keyword in the search box  

Medline  
- For a specific test, search by instrument name and then add terms such as scale, questionnaire, etc.  
- Limit by Test category if desired  

Places where you might locate tests/questionnaires:  
- Google search engine: Be careful, most publishers do not put the full-text on the web because it can be altered easily there. Most use sample questions only.  
- Dissertations & Theses: Full Text: Search by instrument name. Check appendices of dissertations for full-text instruments used. Be certain to contact author for permission if you wish to use or modify the instrument for your use.  
- National Quality Measures Clearinghouse  
Run by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, one can search by keyword or for measures by topic, organization, domain, measure initiatives, etc. or use the advanced search to limit by age, population, etc.  

Books: Use these LC Subject headings to find books on tests and measurements  
- Educational tests and measurements (testing on academic achievement and aptitudes)  
- Psychological tests  
- Psychometrics  
- Scaling (social sciences)  
- Validity (use as subject subdivision)  
- Reliability  
- Intelligence tests  
- Personality tests  
- Instrument name  

Selected book titles/call numbers:  
Measurement of Nursing Outcomes  RT85.5.M434 2001 (Main, Palm Bay, South Lake) and RT85.5.M434 (Cocoa, Main) Lists instruments, etc.  
Measurement in Nursing and Health Research, 4th ed. 2010  
UCF: Click here for ONLINE ACCESS Ebook Library UCF login required
Instruments for Measuring Nursing Practice and Other Health Care Variables, v. 1
http://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015012536366;view=1up;seq=357

Health measurement scales: a practical guide to their development and use, 2008 ebook

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