CHAOS Scale – Permissions and Use

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• Appropriate use of the CHAOS scale
  o Users of the CHAOS scale are expected to follow rules for test user qualifications and test use as described by organizations such as the American Psychological Association.
  o Clinical users of the CHAOS scale should follow standards for use of behavior checklists to enhance clinical work. These standards generally recommend that behavior checklists be used to augment clinical care and not to substitute for other methods of evaluation. In particular, it is generally accepted that behavior checklists should not substitute for interview and other methods of direct observation/evaluation as a part of the diagnostic process.
  o Users of the CHAOS scale should be familiar with scale research and psychometrics. Please consult our research for information about scale development and psychometrics.
• General Notes on Interpretation
  o A large body of research has demonstrated that behaviors are distributed on a continuum in the population. Therefore, CHAOS raw scores can be interpreted as ordinal- or interval-level data.
  o Nevertheless, we recognize the need for some benchmark values to assist in understanding CHAOS scores. Please see the CHAOS Scoring and Interpretation rules for further information.
• For any additional questions or information (including permission to use the CHAOS scale), please contact the scale author, William Kronenberger, Ph.D. (wkronenb@iupui.edu).