

## Instruments at a Glance for C&TC Clinic Settings

Screening is critical to identify developmental and social-emotional concerns early for more effective intervention and better outcomes. However, the primary care setting offers unique challenges: there is limited time, and the child may not be ready to “perform” their best in the clinic. Parent report screening instruments provide a quick, accurate, and reliable way to screen patients.

The screening instruments listed below are the most commonly used by health care providers and recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

### Developmental Screening Instruments

Instrument	Ages and Stages Questionnaires, 3rd ed. (ASQ-3)	Parents’ Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS)	The Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC)*
Type	Parent report by milestones	Parent report by concern	Parent report by milestones
Age Range	1 through 66 months (5 ½ years)	Birth through 7 years	2 through 66 months (5 ½ years)
Staffing	Paraprofessional scorer	Paraprofessional scorer	Paraprofessional scorer
Staff Time	2-3 minutes	2-5 minutes	2-5 minutes
Sensitivity	86.1%	86%	Average across ages 75.8%
Specificity	85.6%	74%	Average across ages 78.3%
Language	English, Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese	English, Spanish, others	English, Spanish, others
Cost	Refer to <a href="http://brookespublishing.com">ASQ-3 (brookespublishing.com)</a>	Refer to <a href="http://www.pedstest.com">PEDS (www.pedstest.com)</a>	Refer to <a href="http://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org">Survey of Well-being of Young Children (pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org)</a>

*\*Children who have a positive score with the SWYC, indicating a potential concern, should be rescreened with a tool recommended by the Minnesota Developmental Screening Task Force. Refer to [All Instruments at a Glance \(PDF\)](#) for a list of tools recommended by the Minnesota Developmental Screening Task Force.*

## Social-Emotional Screening Instruments

Instrument	Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2)	Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC)	Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC): Baby Pediatric Symptom Checklist (BPSC)	Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC): Preschool Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PPSC)
Type	Parent report	Parent report	Parent report	Parent report
Age Range	1 through 72 months (6 years)	4 through 16 years	1 through 17 months	18 through 65 months
Staffing	Paraprofessional scorer	Paraprofessional scorer	Trained staff	Trained staff
Staff Time	2-3 minutes	2-12 minutes	~5 minutes	~5 min
Sensitivity	78-84%	88-92%	Correlation 0.61-0.70 with ASQ-SE	Correlation 0.88-0.89 with ASQ-SE
Specificity	76-98%	68-99%	Correlation 0.61-0.70 with ASQ-SE	Correlation 0.88-0.89 with ASQ-SE
Language	English, Spanish	English, many others	English, many others	English, many others
Cost	Refer to <a href="https://www.brookespublishing.com">ASQ: SE-2 (brookespublishing.com)</a>	Available at no cost at <a href="https://www.massgeneral.org">Pediatric Symptom Checklist (massgeneral.org)</a>	Available at no cost at <a href="https://www.pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org">Survey of Well-being of Young Children (pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org)</a>	Available at no cost at <a href="https://www.pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org">Survey of Well-being of Young Children (pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org)</a>

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