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Measure: Clinician-Rated Severity of Nonsuicidal Self-Injury

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CLINICIAN-RATED SEVERITY OF NONSUICIDAL SELF-INJURY

Name: _____

Age: _____

Date: _____

Instructions:

This clinician-rated severity measure is used for the assessment of the presence and severity of any NONSUICIDAL SELF-INJURY (NSSI) behaviors or problems.

Based on all the information you have on the individual receiving care and using your clinical judgment, please rate (✓) the presence and severity of the non-suicidal self-injury behaviors or problems as experienced by the individual **in the past year**.

	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Rate the level or severity of the NONSUICIDAL SELF-INJURY problems that are present for this individual.	<input type="checkbox"/> None (No NSSI acts or NSSI acts on fewer than 3 days AND no urge to self-injure again.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Subthreshold (NSSI acts on 2-4 days OR has self-injured in the past on 5 or more days and has reported urges to self-injure again.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mild (NSSI acts on 5–7 days using a single method and not requiring surgical treatment [other than cosmetic].)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate (NSSI acts on 8–11 days using a single method and not requiring surgical treatment [other than cosmetic] OR NSSI acts on 5–7 days using more than one method.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe (At least 1 NSSI act that required surgical treatment [other than cosmetic] OR NSSI acts on 12 or more days using a single method OR NSSI acts on 8 or more days using more than one method.)

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Instructions to Clinicians

The Clinician-Rated Severity of Nonsuicidal Self-Injury assesses the level or severity of nonsuicidal self-injurious behaviors or problems that are present for this individual. The measure is intended to capture meaningful variation in the severity of symptoms, which may help with treatment planning and prognostic decision-making. The measure is completed by the clinician at the time of the clinical assessment. The clinician is asked to rate the severity of the nonsuicidal self-injurious behavior as experienced by the individual in the past year.

Scoring and Interpretation

The Clinician-Rated Severity of Nonsuicidal Self-Injury is rated on a 5-point scale (Level 0=None; 1=Subthreshold; 2=Mild; 3=Moderate; and 4=Severe). The clinician is asked to review all available information for the individual and, based on his or her clinical judgment, select (✓) the level that most accurately describes the severity of the individual’s condition.

Frequency of Use

To track changes in the individual’s symptom severity over time, the measure may be completed at regular intervals as clinically indicated, depending on the stability of the individual’s symptoms and treatment status. Consistently high scores on a particular domain may indicate significant and problematic areas for the individual that might warrant further assessment, treatment, and follow-up. Your clinical judgment should guide your decision.