

Instructions for Administering the Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC) Screener in the Child and Teen Checkup (C&TC) Clinic Setting

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C&TC Developmental and Social-Emotional Surveillance and Screening Requirements and Recommendations

Developmental and social-emotional surveillance is required at every Child and Teen Checkup (C&TC) visit. Developmental and social-emotional screening are strongly recommended at minimum at every visit indicated on the [C&TC Periodicity Schedule \(edocs.dhs.state.mn.us\)](https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us).

The Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC) Developmental Milestones may be used for developmental screening when performing a complete C&TC exam in a clinic setting. The SWYC Baby Pediatric Symptom Checklist (BPSC) may be used for social-emotional screening for children under 18 months of age during a complete C&TC exam. The SWYC Preschool Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PPSC) may be used for social-emotional screening for children 18-60 months of age during a complete C&TC exam. These parent report tools have acceptable psychometric properties according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (Lipkin, Macias, & AAP Council on Children with Disabilities, 2020).

Using the SWYC During a C&TC Visit

The SWYC is available to use at no cost. Refer to [SWYC – Age-Specific Forms \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](https://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org).

Every SWYC form includes sections on developmental milestones, behavioral/emotional development, parent concerns, and family questions. At certain ages, a section for autism-specific screening is also included.

Instructions

Refer to [SWYC – Age-Specific Forms \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](https://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org) and [SWYC – Manual and Training Resources \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](https://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org) for instructions and support. There are instructions to support clinic implementation including directions for front desk staff and non-providers who provide the form to parents.

Using the SWYC for Developmental Screening

Choose the age-appropriate Milestones form: [SWYC – Choose a Form & Score the SWYC \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](https://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org). Instruct those who will be providing the form to the parents that only the developmental and parental concern portions of the form need to be filled out. Refer to the pictures below.

SWYC Questionnaire



Milestones: 9 months

9 months, 0 days to 11 months, 31 days
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Child's Name:
Birth Date:
Today's Date:

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES			
Most children at this age will be able to do some (but not all) of the developmental tasks listed below. Please tell us how much your child is doing each of these things. PLEASE BE SURE TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.			
	Not Yet	Somewhat	Very Much
Holds up arms to be picked up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gets into a sitting position by him or herself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picks up food and eats it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pulls up to standing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plays games like "peek-a-boo" or "pat-a-cake"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Calls you "mama" or "dada" or similar name	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Looks around when you say things like "Where's your bottle?" or "Where's your blanket?"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Copies sounds that you make	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walks across a room without help	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Follows directions - like "Come here" or "Give me the ball"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

PARENT'S CONCERNS			
	Not At All	Somewhat	Very Much
Do you have any concerns about your child's learning or development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you have any concerns about your child's behavior?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Scoring the SWYC Developmental Milestones

Refer to [SWYC – Choose a Form & Score the SWYC \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](http://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org) for instructions. This page also includes instructions on how to choose an age-appropriate form. [The SWYC Scoring Cheat Sheet \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](http://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org) is recommended for scoring Developmental Milestones only.

Using the Baby Pediatric Symptom Checklist (BPSC) for Social-Emotional Screening

- For children less than 18 months of age.
- Refer to [Parts of the SWYC – BPSC \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](http://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org).
- Locate the BPSC form and scoring guide:
 - [BPSC \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](http://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org)
 - [BPSC Scoring \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](http://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org)
- Watch the short BPSC Scoring Tutorial for helpful scoring information:
 - [SWYC – Choose a Form & Score the SWYC \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](http://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org)

Using the Preschool Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PPSC) for Social-Emotional Screening

- For children 18-60 months of age.
- Refer to [Parts of the SWYC – PPSC \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](https://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org).
- Locate the PPSC form and scoring guide:
 - [PPSC \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](https://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org)
 - [PPSC Scoring \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](https://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org)
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Interpretation of the SWYC Developmental Milestones

When developing the tool, authors of the SWYC prioritized sensitivity to minimize false negatives. They chose a lower threshold to ensure fewer children who really should be detected are not missed. Because of this decision, there is a higher rate of false positive results than developmental screening tools recommended by the MN Developmental Screening Task Force. Because of this, it is recommended that children with a positive score be screened with a tool recommended by the MN Developmental Screening Task Force. Refer to [Recommended Screening Instruments \(www.health.state.mn.us\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us).

For complete guidance on SWYC interpretation refer to the complete [SWYC User's Manual \(pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org\)](https://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org).

References

Lipkin, P., Macias, M., & AAP Council on Children with Disabilities, S. o. (2020). Promoting Optimal Development: Identifying Infants and Young Children With Developmental Disorders Through Developmental Surveillance and Screening. *Pediatrics*.

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