



Parents' Observation of Social Interaction (POSI) Scoring Guide

Scoring Instructions:

1. Determine the number of items on which parents have answered using responses in the 3 most-concerning categories (i.e. the last 3 column response options, see figure).
2. For items where parents have selected multiple responses for a single question:
 - a. Choose the more concerning answer (i.e. lower-functioning behavior) farthest to the right.
 - b. If parent has selected multiple answers in the last 3 columns for one item, assign only 1 point for item.
3. Missing items count as zero.

Interpretation:

Positive Screen: 3 or more points in the last three columns.

Note: In our preliminary study, 83% of children with an ASD diagnosis were detected by the POSI. However, 26% of children who had not been diagnosed with autism were also detected. Of the children who scored positive on the POSI but did not have ASD, 49% had developmental delay (n=28). We therefore recommend interpreting results of this questionnaire with caution.



SWYC:
18 months, 0 days to 34 months, 31 days

Three or more points in these three columns

PARENT'S OBSERVATIONS OF SOCIAL INTERACTIONS (POSI)					
Does your child bring things to you to show them to you?	Many times a day	A few times a day	A few times a week	Less than once a week	Never
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is your child interested in playing with other children?	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
When you say a word or wave your hand, will your child try to copy you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does your child look at you when you call his or her name?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does your child look if you point to something across the room?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How does your child <u>usually</u> show you something he or she wants?	Says a word for what he or she wants	Points to it with one finger	Reaches for it	Pulls me over or puts my hand on it	Grunts, cries or screams
(please check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What are your child's favorite play activities?	Playing with dolls or stuffed animals	Reading books with you	Climbing, running and being active	Lining up toys or other things	Watching things go round and round like fans or wheels
(please check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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