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- Appropriate use of the COCS scale
 - Users of the COCS scale are expected to follow rules for test user qualifications and test use as described by organizations such as the American Psychological Association.
 - Clinical users of the COCS 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.
 - Users of the COCS scale should be familiar with scale research and psychometrics. Please consult our research for information about scale development and psychometrics.
- General Notes on Interpretation
 - There are no norms for the COCS; comparison samples have been obtained in research studies and may be used to better understand the meaning of results (see COCS published research).
 - Please see the COCS Scoring and Interpretation rules for further information.
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