

## Children's Global Assessment Scale

Overall psychosocial functioning was assessed with the Children's Global Assessment Scale (CGAS), a clinical rating scale used to document children's overall functional capacity at home, school, and with peers (Shaffer et al., 1983). The CGAS has been used with inpatient clinical samples of mentally impaired adolescents (Dyrborg et al., 2000; Green et al., 2007) and has demonstrated adequate inter-rater reliability and adequate test-retest reliability (Bird, Canino, Rubio-Stipec, & Ribera, 1987; Rey, Starling, Wever, Dossetor & Plapp, 1995). The CGAS has also demonstrated high concordant validity with the Global Assessment of Psychosocial Disability (Dyrborg et al., 2000).

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