

SYMPTOM SELF-ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this self-assessment (or assessment by a caretaker) is two-fold:

First and foremost, it provides your neurofeedback practitioner with a guide to those symptoms that *are*, or *have been* in the past, of significant concern to you or the client, or which have interfered with the client's ability to function or enjoy life.

Second, your rating of each symptom provides a measure of the client's current state against which we can judge progress made during training.

We have another, more objective assessment tool, the QIK test. This is a test of continuous performance using a reaction-time monitor, and yields an objective measure of attentiveness, impulse control, and adaptability to changing demands.

How to rate your symptoms on the **0-10** scale:

Rate each symptom on a scale of 0 to 10 in increments of 1. Each symptom is to be rated individually. Rate any symptom that the client has experienced in the past, even if they do not presently consider a problem, at least a 1, or whatever non-zero number best describes the current experience of that symptom. If you can, write the year the client last experienced the symptom next to the rating if it is in the past.

If you do not see a symptom of concern to you on the list (for example, blood pressure), please write a brief descriptor and a rating in the empty box in the appropriate category. For the "positive" category, just mark what attributes the client wishes to improve, quantifying by how much it needs to improve.

For the last section, "Category Positive", please just rate which positive attributes that you most want/need to improve, the higher the number being the greater the need/desire.

- Write 0 if the symptom is a non-issue and beneath notice, no need to improve upon.
- Write **10** if the symptom is the worst that the client can imagine enduring, or most critical for improving.
- When rating a symptom, please consider the combined effect of:
 - Severity
 - o Incidence (how frequently episodes occur, if applicable)
 - Duration of episodes

1 CATEGORY SLEEP	
Bruxism	Difficulty falling asleep
Difficulty maintaining sleep	Difficulty waking
Disregulated sleep cycle	Narcolepsy
Night sweats	Night terrors
Nightmares or vivid dreams	Nocturnal enuresis
Periodic leg movements	Restless leg
Restless sleep	Sleep - number of hours
Sleep apnea	Sleep Quality Overal
Sleep walking	Snoring
Talking during sleep	'
2 CATEGORY ATTENTION + LEARN	NING
Difficulty completing tasks	Difficulty following directions
Difficulty making decisions	Difficulty organizing personal time or space
Difficulty remembering names	Difficulty shifting attention
Difficulty shifting tasks	Difficulty thinking clearly
Difficulty understanding conversations	Distractibility
Lack of alertness	Lacking common sense
Messy handwriting	Not listening
Poor concentration	Poor drawing ability
Poor math	Poor short-term memory
Poor sustained attention	Poor verbal expression
Poor vocabulary	Poor word finding
Procrastination	Reading difficulty
Slow thinking	Unmotivated
3 CATEGORY SENSORY	
Auditory hypersensitivity	Chemical sensitivities
Motion sickness	Poor body awareness
Somatosensory deficits	Tactile hypersensitivity
Tinnitus	Vertigo
Visual deficits	Visual hypersensitivity
4 CATEGORY BEHAVIORAL	
Addictive behaviors	Aggressive behavior
Anorexia	Autistic stimming
Binging and purging	Class clown

Compulsive behaviors	Compulsive eating
Crying	Excessive talking
Hyperactivity	Impulsivity
Inflexibility	Lack of appetite awareness
Lack of sense of humor	Lack of social interest
Manipulative behavior	Motor or vocal tics
Nail biting	Oppositional or defiant behavior
Poor eye contact	Poor grooming
Poor social or emotional reciprocity	Poor Speech articulation
Rages	Self-injurious behavior
Stuttering	
5 CATEGORY EMOTIONAL	
Agitation	Anger
Anxiety	Depression
Difficult to soothe	Dissociative episodes
Easily embarrassed	Emotional reactivity
Fears	Feelings of unreality
Flashbacks of trauma	Impatience
Irritability	Lack of emotional awareness
Lack of pleasure	Lack of social awareness
Low self-esteem	Mania
Mood swings	Obsessive negative thoughts
Obsessive worries	Panic attacks
Paranoia	Suicidal thoughts
6 CATEGORY PHYSICAL	·
Allergies	Asthma
Chronic constipation	Clumsiness
Difficulty walking or moving	Difficulty working
Effort fatigue	Encopresis
Fatigue	Heart palpitations
High blood pressure	Hot flashes
Immune deficiency	Irritable bowel
Low muscle tone	Muscle tension
Muscle twitches	Muscle weakness
Nausea	PMS symptoms
Poor balance	Poor fine motor coordination
Poor gross motor coordination	Reflux

Rigidity	Seizures	
Skin rashes	Spasticity	
Stress incontinence	Sugar craving and reactivity	
Sweating	Tachycardia	
Tremor	Urge incontinence	
7 CATEGORY PAIN		
Abdominal pain	Chronic aching pain	
Chronic nerve pain	Fibromyalgia pain	
Jaw pain	Joint pain	
Migraine headaches	Muscle pain	
Muscle tension headaches	Sciatica	
Sinus headaches	Stomach aches	
Trigeminal neuralgia		
8 CATEGORY POSITIVE		
8 Alertness	8 Balance	
8 Calmness	8 Compassion	
8 Confidence	8 Connectedness	
8 Energy Level	8 Focus	
8 Goal Setting	8 Good Sleep Quality	
8 Gratitude	8 Happiness	
8 Harmony	8 Optimism	
8 Positive Attitude	8 Resilience	
8 Vitality		