

Yale in vivo Pragmatic Rating Scale

PRAGMATIC LANGUAGE (Check any that apply):		
ITEM	Rating	Example/describe
1. Inappropriate / absent greeting		
2. Strikingly candid		
3. Overly direct or blunt		
4. Inappropriately formal		
5. Inappropriately informal		
6. Overly talkative		
7. Irrelevant / inappropriate detail		
8. Out of sync content/ unannounced topic shifts		
9. Confusing accounts		
10. Topic preoccupation/ perseveration		
11. Unresponsive to examiner's cues		
12. Little reciprocal to and fro exchange		
13. Terse		
14. Odd humor		
15. Insufficient background information		
16. Failure to reference pronouns, terminology		
17. Inadequate clarification		
18. Vague		
19. Scripted, stereotyped language		
20. Awkward expression of ideas		

Rating Scale:

0 = rarely never 1 = sometimes/ occasionally 2= almost always

cnr – could not rate n/o – no opportunity

Scores >6 indicate pragmatic deficits

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SPEECH/PROSODY		
ITEM	Rating	Example/describe
21. Indistinct speech/ mispronunciations		
22. Rate of speech too rapid/ too slow		
23. Intonation is unusual (monotone, exaggerated, not coordinated with verbal message)		
24. Volume is inappropriate (too loud/ too soft)		
25. Unusual timing of responses (excess pauses/reformulations)		
26. Unusual rhythm (stuttering, cluttering)		
Paralinguistic (Other communication behaviors)		
27. Physical distance		
28. Gestures		
29. Facial expressions		
30. Eye Gaze (eye contact, gaze to reference object)		

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