



Self-Efficacy for Diabetes

We would like to know how confident you are in doing certain activities. For each of the following questions, please choose the number that corresponds to your confidence that you can do the tasks regularly at the present time.

1. How confident do you feel that you can eat your meals every 4 to 5 hours every day, including breakfast every day?
not at all | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | totally confident
2. How confident do you feel that you can follow your diet when you have to prepare or share food with other people who do not have diabetes?
not at all | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | totally confident
3. How confident do you feel that you can choose the appropriate foods to eat when you are hungry (for example, snacks)?
not at all | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | totally confident
4. How confident do you feel that you can exercise 15 to 30 minutes, 4 to 5 times a week?
not at all | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | totally confident
5. How confident do you feel that you can do something to prevent your blood sugar level from dropping when you exercise?
not at all | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | totally confident
6. How confident do you feel that you know what to do when your blood sugar level goes higher or lower than it should be?
not at all | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | totally confident
7. How confident do you feel that you can judge when the changes in your illness mean you should visit the doctor?
not at all | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | totally confident
8. How confident do you feel that you can control your diabetes so that it does not interfere with the things you want to do?
not at all | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | totally confident

Scoring

The score for each item is the number circled. If two consecutive numbers are circled, code the lower number (less self-efficacy). If the numbers are not consecutive, do not score the item. The score for the scale is the mean of the eight items. If more than two items are missing, do not score the scale. Higher number indicates higher self-efficacy.

Characteristics

Tested on 186 subjects with diabetes.

No. of items	Observed Range	Mean	Standard Deviation	Internal Consistency Reliability	Test-Retest Reliability
8	1-10	6.87	1.76	.828	NA

Source of Psychometric Data

Stanford English Diabetes Self-Management study. Study reported in Lorig K, Ritter PL, Villa FJ, Armas J. Community-Based Peer-Led Diabetes Self-Management: A Randomized Trial. The Diabetes Educator 2009; Jul-Aug;35(4):641-51.

Comments

This 8-item scale was originally developed and tested in Spanish for the Diabetes Self-Management study. For internet studies, we add radio buttons below each number. There is another way that we use to format these items, which takes up less space on a questionnaire, shown also in the PDF document. This scale is available in Spanish.

References

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