The SCID for DSM-5

Basic Overview of the SCID

- ◆ Possible Uses (nonexhaustive list)
 - ◆ Systematically evaluate (nearly) all DSM diagnoses
 - ◆ Select a population for study (inclusion, exclusion)
 - Characterize a study population (current, past hx)
 - ♣ Improve interviewing skills of students in mental health professions

Basic Overview of the SCID

- Versions
 - Clinical Version (CV)
 - ♦ Streamlined, limited specifiers covered
 - Limited disorders covered
 - * Screening questions for others
 - Missing many important disorders
 - Focus on current, not lifetime disorder (except MDD, BP-I/II, Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders, Panic Disorder, PTSD)
 - Research Version (RV)
 - ← Covers more disorders and specifiers than CV
 - Core plus optional modules
 - Published in e-format so researcher can tailor
 - Clinical Trials (CT)
 - ♦ Streamlined version of RV for typical clinical trial screening

Disorders only screened for in SCID-CV

- Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder
- Specific Phobia
- Separation Anxiety Disorder
- Hoarding Disorder
- Body Dysmorphic Disorder
- Tichotillomania (Hair-pulling Disorder)
- Excoriation (Skin-picking Disorder)
- Insomnia Disorder
- + Hypersomnolence Disorder

- Anorexia Nervosa
- Bulimia Nervosa
- Bing-eating Disorder
- Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder
- Somatic Symptom Disorder
- Illness Anxiety Disorder
- Intermittent Explosive Disorder
- Gambling Disorder

Note: Only one question on each of these disorders!

Basic Features of SCID

- ◆ Suitable for anyone with 8th grade education
- ↑ Takes 45-120 Minutes (Your results may vary)
- Inclusion of an Open-Ended Overview
 - Present Illness
 - Treatment history
 - ← Substance use treatment history; current use
 - Medical conditions/issues
 - ← Suicidal thoughts/behavior
 - A Should gather enough info to formulate *tentative* differential diagnosis to be fleshed out with the various modules of the SCID
- Use overview to establish rapport, explain purpose, gather information
- Thow of interview is designed to approximate an experienced clinician

A few details (part 1)

- Ratings are of Criterion Items, *not* of answers to questions per se
 - ◆ Simple "Yes" not sufficient -- elaboration
 - ◆ Sometimes extra-interview info is required -- rating will reflect all available sources of information!
 - An item can be coded as present even in the face of a denial by the patient
 - ↑ If clinician doubts the presence of a symptom that a patient insists is present, rate it as not present.

A few details (part 2)

- Mandatory questions
 - ♣ Depending on answer, follow-up questions
 - And you almost always need to ask *more* questions
- Diagnostic summary sheet
 - ◆ Should be completed by end of interview
 - Can try concurrently (if you are a wizard)
 - Or markup a copy of the interview and then transfer the information

- ♣ DO use the Overview to obtain the patient's perception of the problem and treatment history
- ◆ DON'T ask questions in the Overview for details of specific symptoms (as those are covered later)
- ♣ DO stick to the initial questions as they are written, except for minor modifications to consider what the patient has already said.
- ◆ DON'T make up your own initial questions because you feel that you have a better way of getting the same information.
- ♣ DO ask additional clarifying questions to elicit details in the patient's own words

- ◆ DON'T use the interview as a checklist or true/false test
- ◆ DO use your judgment about a symptom, considering all of the information available, and confront the patient (gently of course) about responses that conflict with other information
- ♣ DON'T automatically accept a patient's response if it contradicts other info or if you believe it is not valid
- ◆ DO make sure the patient understands what you are asking; repeat or rephrase if needed; describe entire syndrome if needed (e.g., manic episode)
- + DON'T use words or jargon the patient does not understand

- ♣ DO make sure that you and the patient are focusing on the same (and appropriate) time period for each question
- ◆ DON'T assume the symptoms a patient is describing cluster together in time unless you have clarified the time period for each question.
- ♣ DO focus on getting enough information to evaluate each DSM criterion, which will require asking follow-up questions
- ◆ DON'T focus on simply getting an answer to the questions (Two columns, evaluate the second, the criteria!)

- ♣ DO give the patient the benefit of the doubt about a questionable psychotic symptom by rating "-" (absent)
- ◆ DON'T call a subculturally accepted religious belief or an overvalued idea a delusion.
- ◆ DO be careful with rule-outs: If it is TRUE that an episode is not better accounted for by the physiological effects of a substance, then mark "YES"
- ◆ DON'T skip a section without completing it because you feel sure it does not apply (e.g., psychotic symptoms in a college student)

A. MOOD EPISODES

	CURRENT MAJOR DEPRESSIVE EPISODE	MAJOR DEPRESSIVE EPISODE CRITERIA			
	Now I am going to ask you some more questions about your mood.	A. Five (or more) of the following symptoms have been present during the same 2-week period and represent a change from previous functioning; at least one of the symptoms is either (1) depressed mood or (2) loss of interest or pleasure.			
A1	In the past month, since (ONE MONTH AGO), has there been a period of time when you were feeling depressed or down most of the day, nearly every day? (Has anyone said that you look sad, down, or depressed?) IF NO: How about feeling sad, empty, or hopeless, most of the day, nearly every day? IF YES TO EITHER OF ABOVE: What has it been like? How long has it lasted? (As long as 2 weeks?)	Depressed mood most of the day, nearly every day, as indicated by either subjective report (e.g., feels sad, empty, hopeless) or observation made by others (e.g., appears tearful).	_	+	A1
A2	IF PREVIOUS ITEM RATED "+": During that time, did you have less interest or pleasure in things you usually enjoyed? (What has that been like?) IF PREVIOUS ITEM RATED "—": What about a time since (ONE MONTH AGO) when you lost interest or pleasure in things you usually enjoyed? (What has that been like?) IF YES TO EITHER OF ABOVE: Has it been nearly every day? How long has it lasted? (As long as 2 weeks?)	Markedly diminished interest or pleasure in all, or almost all, activities most of the day, nearly every day (as indicated by either subjective account or observation).	-	•	A2

Use open-ended questions whenever possible!

- ♦ What, how, in what way
- ♦ NOT: Did, is, was...
- ♣ By example:
 - ◆ What was that like? (Were you sad?)
 - How did that affect your ability to do things? (Did that interfere with your work, school, social life?)
 - + How long did that last? (Did that last at least 2 weeks?)
 - ♦ What kinds of thoughts did you have at that time? (Did you feel worthless?)
- And you can always say: Tell me more about that...