

ABNORMAL INVOLUNTARY MOVEMENT SCALE (AIMS)

(Sadimod Adaptation)

Patient:		Date:		
Instructions: Complete examination procedure before making ratings. When rating movements, rate highest severity observed. For the definite AIMS score rate movements that occur upon activation one less than those observed spontaneously				
Severity scores	0: (none) The described movements are not present. 1: (minimal) May be extreme normal 2: (mild) The described movements are intermittently present. 3: (moderate) The described movements are present during more than half of the time. 4: (severe) The described movements are continuously present			
		Active	Passive	AIMS
Facial and Oral Movements				
1. Face (mimic muscles)		0	0	0
Involuntary movements (myoclonias or tics or jerks, also athetotic movements) of the forehead (frowning), eyebrows (pulling up, frowning), eyelids (winking, blinking), cheeks (smile, grimace), corner of mouth or the platysma.		1	1	1
		2	2	2
		3	3	3
		4	4	4
2. Lips and around the mouth		0	0	0
Pointing the lips, biting the lips or murmur, smacking- or sucking movements.		1	1	1
		2	2	2
		3	3	3
		4	4	4
3. Jaw		0	0	0
Biting-, chewing-, grinding- and crunching movements, repetitive opening and closing of the mouth, lateral movements and other involuntary movements in the temporomandibular joint.		1	1	1
		2	2	2
		3	3	3
		4	4	4
4. Tongue		0	0	0
Licking movements, repetitive sticking out of the tongue ('flycatcher tongue'), worm-like irregular movements of the tongue, curling of the tongue, incapable of sticking out one's tongue and holding it in that position, bulging of the cheek and the lips with the tongue ('bonbon mouth'). Do not exclusively score movements during the tongue tasks.		1	1	1
		2	2	2
		3	3	3
		4	4	4
Extremity and Trunk Movements				
5. Upper extremities (arms, wrists, hands and fingers)		0	0	0
Repetitive bending, stretching, spreading and closing or rubbing of the fingers, as well as choreatic movements (mostly distal, quick and abrupt, irregular, spontaneous, jerking movements), sometimes ballistic (mostly proximal, fast and explosive, irregular, spontaneous, swaying movements), sometimes myoclonic (fast and abrupt, often repetitive, spontaneous muscle- or muscle group contractions) and also distal athetotic movements (continuous, slow and tonic, snakelike wave-movements, that merge into one another smoothly).		1	1	1
		2	2	2
		3	3	3
		4	4	4

6. Lower extremities (legs, knees, ankles and toes)	0	0	0
Repetitive bending, stretching, spreading and closing or rubbing of the toes, as well as choreatic movements, sometimes ballistic, sometimes myoclonic and also distal athetotic movements, for instance lateral movement of the knees, the canting, turning and stretching of the foot, making tapping movements on the ground with the front part of the foot or the heel. Can be indistinguishable from akathisia or tremor.	1	1	1
	2	2	2
	3	3	3
	4	4	4
7. Torso (neck, shoulders, hips)	0	0	0
Disturbed posture and gait with swinging and/or jerking and/or twisting and/or swaying movements of the torso, pulling one's shoulders, rotating hip movements and canting the pelvis, contracting the nates/thighs. Also head and neck dyskinesias should be assessed at this place.	1	1	1
	2	2	2
	3	3	3
	4	4	4
Total score			
Global impression	0	0	0
On scoring this sub-item the assessor takes all the information he/she has available as well as all clinical experience into account and expresses the severity of the dyskinesia in a number. When the observed hyperkinetic movements are no true dyskinesias in the opinion of the assessor, he/she should score '1' or '0'.	1	1	1
	2	2	2
	3	3	3
	4	4	4