

Informed Consent for Telehealth Evaluations, Assessments & Consultations

Due to circumstances with COVID-19 that militate against in-person clinical visits, this assessment will be conducted using telehealth methods (including remote audiovisual presentation of test instructions and test stimuli, as well as remote observation of performance via audiovisual technologies). The standard administration of these procedures involves in-person, face-to-face methods. The impact of applying non-standard administration methods has been evaluated only in part by scientific research. While much of the research so far is supportive and will every effort will be made to simulate standard assessment practices, the diagnostic conclusions and recommendations for treatment provided in this report are being advanced with these reservations. The parents understand that standardized test administration will be modified by the remote format, affecting results in some ways that may be so far unknown, and that these effects might reduce some confidence in diagnostic conclusions and recommendations for treatment. There may be some loss of qualitative data usually obtained during an in-person exam, which may reduce the richness of the clinical data and limit conclusions and recommendations.

The remote format might pose additional risks to privacy and confidentiality. Confidentiality still applies for telepsychology services, and nobody will record the session or materials without written permission from the other person(s). The parents and child will not publish, photograph, scan, or disseminate the test materials. In order to protect the security of tests administered by video, screen sharing, internet or direct mail, the parents and child agree that they shall not capture images, take screen shots or other photographs of test materials, or record sessions. Test items provided by mail will be returned immediately by the parents to the psychologist using the method provided by the psychologist in order to ensure the integrity of test material and to prevent distribution of test materials to parties outside the setting of an evaluation/assessment.

It is important that the remote sessions be conducted in a quiet, private space that is free of distractions (including cell phone or other devices) during the session.

It is important to use a secure internet connection rather than public/free Wi-Fi.

It is important to be on time. If you need to change or cancel your tele-appointment, you must notify the psychologist in advance by phone or email.

In the event of technical problems, we need a back-up plan (e.g. a phone number where you can be reached) to restart the session or to reschedule it.

You may be mailed materials for testing. Do not open them until on-camera and instructed to do so by the psychologist. After use, the materials will be sealed back up on camera in the session and returned to the psychologist by mail.

By signing below, you are agreeing to the provisions outlined heretofore.

Signature

Date