

## APPENDIX 3

### TURGAY CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOPATHOLOGY SCREENER (T-CAPS)

#### Purpose

To screen for all child and adolescent psychiatric disorders

To signal the possible presence of specific psychiatric symptoms and disorders requiring further evaluation and to monitor treatment progress

This screener is not 'diagnostic'

#### Unique Characteristics

The formulation of items on the T-CAPS was based on both DSM-IV<sup>1</sup> diagnostic criteria and the most commonly seen symptoms for each psychiatric disorder collected from a large-scale Canadian study (i.e., 6000 participants, aged 2-18 years)

The T-CAPS can be completed by individuals who have good knowledge of the child or adolescent being evaluated: norms and threshold scores have not been established as of yet

#### Scoring

Symptoms are scored by assigning a severity estimate on a 4-point Likert-type scale where 0 = *not at all*, 1 = *just a little*, 2 = *pretty much*, and 3 = *very much*

- Subscale scores are calculated by summing the scores of individual items within each subscale  
The *Total Psychopathology Score* is calculated by adding all subgroup scores  
Comparisons of the T-CAPS to other psychiatric disorder specific rating scales have shown that item ratings of '2' and '3' tend to be clinically significant

#### Psychometric Properties

- Cut off scores for specific disorders and psychometric properties of the T-CAPS are currently being developed

<sup>1</sup>*In the development of this screener DSM-IV diagnostic criteria were used with permission of the American Psychiatric Press.*