



BSS®
Beck Scale for Suicide Ideation®
Interpretive Report
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Name:	Ted P. Sample
ID Number:	12345
Age:	55
Gender:	Male
Marital Status:	Divorced
Education:	High School
Occupation:	Textile mill worker
Administered by:	Mister Tester
Date Assessed:	06/22/2010



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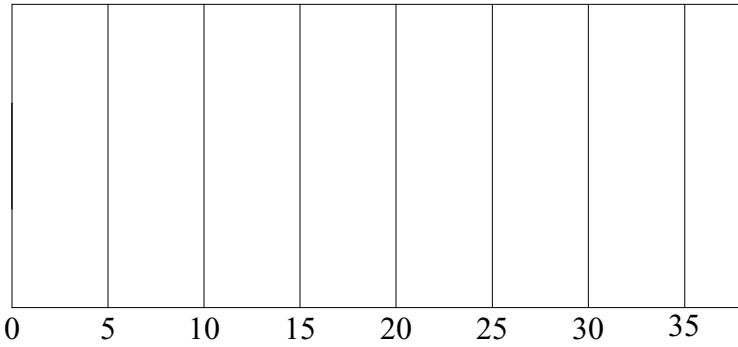
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ASSESSMENT RESULTS

The following graph presents the client's raw score for the BSS administration.



Raw Score: 0

INTERPRETATION

Ted P. Sample denies all aspects of suicide ideation when responding to directly worded statements about suicide.

The clinician should note, however, that the patient reports a history of one suicide attempt. The patient also reports that his wish to die during the attempt was low.

If concern about another suicide attempt is the primary referral question, the clinician may wish to consider using the *Beck Hopelessness Scale* or other appropriate procedure to assess the patient's level of pessimism about the future. Even in the absence of current suicide ideation, a high level of hopelessness may be predictive of eventual suicide, especially since the patient has a history of suicidal behavior.

The clinician may wish to administer the BSS again, asking the patient to respond as he would have at the worst point in his life. The resulting BSS raw score can then be used to evaluate the severity of the patient's current condition.

Because of the self-reported history of suicidal behavior, the clinician may wish to consider asking the patient to complete BSS items 6-19.

ENDORSED ITEMS

1. I have a moderate to strong wish to live.
2. I have no wish to die.
3. My reasons for living outweigh my reasons for dying.
4. I have no desire to kill myself.
5. I would try to save my life if I found myself in a life-threatening situation.
20. I have attempted suicide once.
21. My wish to die during the last suicide attempt was low.

End of Report

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ITEM RESPONSES

1: 0 2: 0 3: 0 4: 0 5: 0 6: 0 7: 0 8: 0 9: 0 10: 0
11: 0 12: 0 13: 0 14: 0 15: 0 16: 0 17: 0 18: 0 19: 0 20: 1
21: 0

*Because the respondent indicated that he has no active suicidal intention and would try to avoid death if presented with a life-threatening situation, he was instructed to skip items 6-19, which address specific information about suicidal plans and attitudes. Although he responded to these items, his results do not take those responses into consideration.