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| **Domain:** | Social Environments |
| **Measure:** | Childhood Maltreatment |
| **Definition:** | This measure is a questionnaire to inquire about childhood abuse and neglect. The instrument includes several items that assess the minimization or denial of such experiences. |
| **Purpose:** | This measure is used to screen retrospectively for a history of child abuse and neglect. |
| **Essential PhenX Measures:** | Current Age |
| **Related PhenX Measures:** | Child-Reported Parental Education Attainment Family Conflict Family Interpersonal Relationships |
| **Collections:** |  |
| **Keywords:** | Social Environments, maltreatment, family, abuse, neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, physical neglect, emotional neglect, emotional support, minimalization, denial, child abuse, child neglect, Childhood Trauma Questionnaire, CTQ, proprietary |

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| **Protocol Release Date:** | October 8, 2010 |
| **PhenX Protocol Name:** | Childhood Maltreatment |
| **Protocol Name from Source:** | This section will be completed when reviewed by an Expert Review Panel. |
| **Description:** | The Childhood Trauma Questionnaire (CTQ) is a 28-item, self-reported questionnaire administered to adolescents and adults to identify traumatic childhood conditions. The Childhood Trauma Questionnaire includes five subscales: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, physical neglect, and emotional neglect. The questionnaire also includes a minimalization/denial scale for detecting individuals who may be underreporting traumatic events. The respondent reviews the list of items and chooses the response that best describes her or his experiences. |
| **Specific Instructions:** | The Childhood Trauma Questionnaire: A Retrospective Self-Report (CTQ) is a proprietary, sensitive clinical assessment test that requires qualification to purchase, administer and interpret. The Test Kit is available from NCS Pearson in their web-based catalog at: http://psychcorp.pearsonassessments.com/HAIWEB/Cultures/en-us/Productdetail.htm?Pid=015-8102-339&Mode=summary |
| **Protocol:** | **Summary of the Childhood Trauma Questionnaire**  The Childhood Trauma Questionnaire is a 28-item, self-report instrument that contains five subscales:  - Physical abuse - Sexual abuse - Emotional abuse - Physical neglect - Emotional neglect  The scale includes 25 questions that cover items such as having emotional support, feeling loved, wearing dirty clothes, and being sexually and physically abused that tap into the five dimensions of abuse and neglect. The questionnaire also includes a three-question minimalization/denial scale for detecting individuals who may be underreporting traumatic events. All questions in the Childhood Trauma Questionnaire are preceded by "When I was growing up…"  **Scoring Instructions**  The respondent answers the questions on a five-point Likert scale: (1) never true, (2) rarely true, (3) sometimes true, (4) often true, and (5) very often true. The individual items are summed to give subscale scores from 5 to 25. The CTQ scoring manual provides guidelines for establishing thresholds for four levels of abuse/neglect for each subscale: None; Moderate; Severe; Extreme.  *Childhood Trauma Questionnaire: A Retrospective Self-report* Copyright © 1998 NCS Pearson, Inc. All rights reserved. |
| **Selection Rationale:** | The Childhood Trauma Questionnaire (CTQ) was selected because it is a widely used, validated protocol with documented validity and reliability; Childhood Trauma Questionnaire scores have been associated with indicators of health in adjustment in prior research. |
| **Source:** | Bernstein, D., & Fink, L. (1997). *Childhood Trauma Questionnaire.* San Antonio, TX: Pearson Education, Inc.  The *Childhood Trauma Questionnaire* is a proprietary protocol and can be obtained through:  Pearson Attn: Customer Service P.O. Box 899700 San Antonio, TX 78259-3701 Telephone: 800.627.7271 E-mail: ClinicalCustomerSupport@Pearson.com |
| **Life Stage:** | Adolescent Adult |
| **Language of source:** | English |
| **Participant:** | Adolescents and adults, aged 12 years and older. |
| **Personnel and Training Required:** | None |
| **Equipment Needs:** | The respondent will need a copy of the questionnaire and pen or pencil to answer it. |
| **Standards:** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Standard** | **Name** | **ID** | **Source** | | Common Data Element (CDE) | Social Environment Childhood Abuse and Neglect Scale | 3144950 | [CDE Browser](https://cdebrowser.nci.nih.gov/CDEBrowser/search?elementDetails=9&FirstTimer=0&PageId=ElementDetailsGroup&publicId=3144950&version=1.0) | | Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC) | Childhood maltreatment proto | 63011-1 | [LOINC](http://s.details.loinc.org/LOINC/63011-1.html?sections=Web) | |
| **General references:** | Bernstein, D. P., Ahluvalia, T., Pogge, D., & Handelsman, L. (1997). Validity of the Childhood Trauma Questionnaire in an adolescent psychiatric population. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 36*(3), 340–348.  Fink, L. A., Bernstein, D., Handelsman, L., Foote, J., & Lovejoy, M. (1995). Initial reliability and validity of the Childhood Trauma Interview: A new multidimensional measure of childhood interpersonal trauma. *American Journal of Psychiatry, 152*(9), 1329–1335. |
| **Mode of Administration:** | Self-administered questionnaire |
| **Derived Variables:** | None |
| **Requirements:** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Requirement Category** | **Required** | | Major equipment | No | | Specialized training | No | | Specialized requirements for biospecimen collection | No | | Average time of greater than 15 minutes in an unaffected individual | No | |
| **Process and Review:** | This section will be completed when reviewed by an Expert Review Panel. |