

Differences between the Moss-PAS and PAS-ADD assessments

Apart from the continuous process of updating and refinement, there is no fundamental difference between the Moss-PAS and PAS-ADD assessments. The renaming is because the old name is no longer appropriate. The renaming is as follows:

Mini PAS-ADD is now Moss-PAS (ID)

ChA-PAS is now Moss-PAS (ChA)

PAS-ADD Clinical Interview is now Moss-PAS (Diag ID).

However, the new Moss-PAS versions have been revised because of the introduction of ICD 11. These involve changes to both questions and codings. The basic scoring algorithms remain the same, except for the small changes required by ICD 11. These relate mainly to additional items relating to symptom duration. Changes to questioning have been specifically required because of a widening out of some symptom definitions to encompass the person's wider life. Apart from that, changes are constantly suggested by the author's ongoing experience of training users, and these are introduced whenever a new version is published.

Summary of current revisions

Moss-PAS (ID) (formerly Mini PAS-ADD)

Various changes have been made to reflect the requirements of ICD 11 (which generally bring it nearer to DSM 5). These include, for example, a measurement of duration for anxiety, and more emphasis placed on assessing the impact of symptoms on the person's wider life.

Moss-PAS (ChA) (formerly ChA-PAS)

This has now been fully revised and was published in 2020. The last version was 12 years old, so revisions to coding and questioning (particularly the latter) have been substantial.

Moss-PAS (Diag ID) (formerly the PAS-ADD Clinical Interview)

This has now been fully revised. Major changes have been made to questions and codings, and it has also been updated to ICD 11.

The Moss-PAS (Diag ID) has a much clearer layout of the separate patient and informant questions, in which they will lie side by side across facing pages.

Moss-PAS (Check) (formerly the PAS-ADD Checklist)

These remain identical to each other.

Apart from the Moss-PAS (Check), the earlier score forms are not interchangeable with the Moss-PAS versions because of the various revisions that have been made