

Social Media Disorder Scale (SMD Scale)

Please answer the question by thinking of your experience with using social media (e.g., WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Google+, Pinterest, forums, weblogs) in the past year. Answer the questions as honestly as possible. According to DSM, at least five (out of the nine) criteria must be met for a formal diagnosis of “disordered social media user”.

During the past year have you...

1. Regularly found that you can't think of anything else but the moment you will be able to use social media again? Yes/**No** (Preoccupation).
2. Regularly felt dissatisfied because you want to spend more time on social media? Yes/**No** (Tolerance).
3. Often felt bad when you could not use social media? Yes/**No** (Withdrawal).
4. Tried to spend less time on social media, but failed? Yes/**No** (Persistence).
5. Regularly neglected other activities (i.e. hobbies, sports, homework) because you wanted to use social media? Yes/**No** (Displacement).
6. Regularly had arguments with others because of your social media use? Yes/**No** (Problems).
7. Regularly lied to your parents or friends about how much time you spend on social media? Yes/**No** (Deception).
8. Often used social media to escape from negative feelings? Yes/**No** (Escape).
9. Had serious conflict with parents, brother, sister (friends, relationships, etc.) because of your social media use? Yes/**No** (Conflict).

This nine-item scale measures adolescents' degrees of addiction to social media. Based on a scale from Internet Gaming Disorder found in the DSM-V, for preoccupation, tolerance, escape, persistence, withdrawal, conflict, problems, deception, and displacement. (n= 724), reliability good.

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