

CENTER FOR NEUROLOGIC STUDY-LABILITY SCALE (CNS-LS) FOR PSEUDOBULBAR AFFECT (PBA)

The CNS-LS is a short (seven-item), self-administered questionnaire, designed to be completed by the patient, that provides a quantitative measure of the perceived frequency of PBA episodes. The CNS-LS can assist in evaluating patients who may be experiencing symptoms of PBA. A CNS-LS score of 13 or higher may suggest PBA.¹ This score does not diagnose PBA, and lower or higher scores can occur in persons with and without PBA.

NAME _____ DATE OF ASSESSMENT _____ / _____ / _____

Using the scale below, please write the number that describes the degree to which each item applies to you DURING THE PAST WEEK.¹ Write only 1 number for each item.¹

1 Applies never	2 Applies rarely	3 Applies occasionally	4 Applies frequently	5 Applies most of the time
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ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS		ANSWER (1-5)
1	There are times when I feel fine one minute, and then I'll become tearful the next over something small or for no reason at all.	
2	Others have told me that I seem to become amused very easily or that I seem to become amused about things that really aren't funny.	
3	I find myself crying very easily.	
4	I find that even when I try to control my laughter, I am often unable to do so.	
5	There are times when I won't be thinking of anything happy or funny at all, but then I'll suddenly be overcome by funny or happy thoughts.	
6	I find that even when I try to control my crying, I am often unable to do so.	
7	I find that I am easily overcome by laughter.	

TOTAL SCORE :

PLEASE PROVIDE THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

The CNS-LS has been validated in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and multiple sclerosis (MS) patient populations.¹²

This questionnaire is not intended to substitute for professional medical assessment and/or advice.

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