

PANSS-6 (Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale – 6 Item Version)

NAME: _____ DATE: _____ MD: _____

Rate each item according to severity over the past week.

1 = absent, 2 = minimal, 3 = mild, 4 = moderate, 5 = moderately severe, 6 = severe, 7 = extreme

P1. DELUSIONS

Presence and severity of delusional beliefs, including conviction, preoccupation, and impact on functioning.

SCORE

P2. CONCEPTUAL DISORGANIZATION

Disorganized thinking reflected in speech, communication, and logical coherence.

SCORE

P3. HALLUCINATORY BEHAVIOR

Auditory, visual, or other hallucinations, including frequency, severity, and patient insight.

SCORE

N1. BLUNTED AFFECT

Diminished emotional expression, reduced reactivity, and flattened affective range.

SCORE

N4. PASSIVE/APATHETIC SOCIAL WITHDRAWAL

Reduced social engagement, diminished interest in interactions, and emotional distancing.

SCORE

N6. LACK OF SPONTANEITY AND FLOW OF CONVERSATION

Decreased fluidity, reduced verbal output, and slowed or sparse spontaneous speech.

SCORE

Interpretation: PANSS-6 is validated as a brief measure of core schizophrenia symptom severity. Higher total scores indicate greater severity. Absolute cut-offs for "mild", "moderate", or "marked" illness have not been formally established for the PANSS-6; interpret scores in clinical context, ideally alongside a CGI-Severity rating.

TOTAL SCORE: _____