

Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS) Expanded Version (4.0)

10. Hallucinations

Reports of perceptual experiences in the absence of relevant external stimuli. When rating degree to which functioning is disrupted by hallucinations, include preoccupation with the content and experience of the hallucinations, as well as functioning disrupted by acting out on the hallucinatory content (e.g., engaging in deviant behaviour due to command hallucinations). Include thoughts aloud ('gedenkenlautwerden') or pseudohallucinations (e.g., hears a voice inside head) if a voice quality is present.

2 Very mild While resting or going to sleep, sees visions, smells odours or hears voices, sounds, or whispers in the absence of external stimulation, but no impairment in functioning.

3 Mild While in a clear state of consciousness, hears a voice calling the individual's name, experiences non-verbal auditory hallucinations (e.g., sounds or whispers), formless visual hallucinations or has sensory experiences in the presence of a modality relevant stimulus (e.g., visual illusions) infrequently (e.g., 1-2 times per week) and with no functional impairment.

4 Moderate Occasional verbal, visual, gustatory, olfactory or tactile hallucinations with no functional impairment OR non-verbal auditory hallucinations/visual illusions more than infrequently or with impairment.

5 Moderately Severe Experiences daily hallucinations OR some areas of functioning are disrupted by hallucinations.

6 Severe Experiences verbal or visual hallucinations several times a day OR many areas of functioning are disrupted by these hallucinations.

7 Extremely Severe Persistent verbal or visual hallucinations throughout the day OR most areas of functioning are disrupted by these hallucinations.