

Spann-Fischer Codependency Scale

Read the following statements and circle the number in the spaces provided that best describes you according to the following list:

1 = Strongly Disagree; 2 = Moderately Disagree; 3 = Slightly Disagree;
 4 = Slightly Agree; 5 = Moderately Agree; 6 = Strongly Agree

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| 1. It is hard for me to make decisions. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 2. It is hard for me to say "no". | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 3. It is hard for me to accept compliments graciously. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 4. Sometimes I almost feel bored or empty if I don't have problems to focus on. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 5. I usually <i>do not</i> do things for other people that they are capable of doing for themselves. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 6. When I do something nice for myself I usually feel guilty. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7. I <i>do not</i> worry very much. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 8. I tell myself that things will get better when the people in my life change what they are doing. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9. I seem to have relationships where I am always there for them but they are rarely there for me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 10. Sometimes I get focused on one person to the extent of neglecting other relationships and responsibilities. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 11. I seem to get into relationships that are painful for me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 12. I don't usually let others see the "real" me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 13. When someone upsets me I will hold it in for a long time, but once in a while I explode. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 14. I will usually go to any lengths to avoid open conflict. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 15. I often have a sense of dread or impending doom. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 16. I often put the needs of others ahead of my own. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Score: _____

To determine your score, reverse your score for items 5 and 7 (i.e.: if you circled 6 replace it with 1; 5 with 2; 4 with 3; etc.). Then sum all your responses. Scores in the range of 16 are indicative of low co-dependency. Co-dependency increases with increasing scores.

Source: Fischer, J., Spann, L., Crawford, D. (1991). Measuring codependency. Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly, 8, 1, 87-100.

Patient's Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Date of test completion: _____