

# Obsessive-Compulsive Inventory (OCI)

Identifier

Date

Please read each statement and select a number 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 that best describes how much that experience has **distressed or bothered you during the past month**. There are no right or wrong answers. Do not spend too much time on any one statement. This assessment is not intended to be a diagnosis. If you are concerned about your results in any way, please speak with a health professional.

0 = Not at all      1 = A little      2 = Moderately      3 = A lot      4 = Extremely

- 1 Unpleasant thoughts come into my mind against my will and I cannot get rid of them
- 2 I think contact with bodily secretions (sweat, saliva, blood, urine, etc.) may contaminate my clothes or somehow harm me
- 3 I ask people to repeat things to me several times, even though I understood them the first time
- 4 I wash and clean obsessively
- 5 I have to review mentally past events, conversations and actions to make sure that I didn't do something wrong
- 6 I have saved up so many things that they get in the way
- 7 I check things more often than necessary
- 8 I avoid using public toilets because I am afraid of disease or contamination
- 9 I repeatedly check doors, windows, drawers etc .
- 10 I repeatedly check gas / water taps / light switches after turning them off
- 11 I collect things I don't need

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12 I have thoughts of having hurt someone without knowing it

13 I have thoughts that I might want to harm myself or others

14 I get upset if objects are not arranged properly

15 I feel obliged to follow a particular order in dressing, undressing and washing myself

16 I feel compelled to count while I'm doing things

17 I am afraid of impulsively doing embarrassing or harmful things

18 I need to pray to cancel bad thoughts or feelings

19 I keep on checking forms or other things I have written

20 I get upset at the sight of knives, scissors or other sharp objects in case I lose control with them

21 I am obsessively concerned about cleanliness

22 I find it difficult to touch an object when I know it has been touched by strangers or certain people

23 I need things to be arranged in a particular order

24 I get behind in my work because I repeat things over and over again

25 I feel I have to repeat certain numbers

26 After doing something carefully, I still have the impression I haven't finished it

27 I find it difficult to touch rubbish or dirty things

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28 I find it difficult to control my thoughts

29 I have to do things over and over again until it feels right

30 I am upset by unpleasant thoughts that come into my mind against my will

31 Before going to sleep I have to do certain things in a certain way

32 I go back to places to make sure that I have not harmed anyone

33 I frequently get nasty thoughts and have difficulty getting rid of them

34 I avoid throwing things away because I am afraid I might need them later

35 I get upset if others have changed the way I have arranged my things

36 I feel that I must repeat certain words or phrases in my mind in order to wipe out  
bad thoughts, feelings or actions

37 After I have done things, I have persistent doubts about whether I really did them

38 I sometimes have to wash or clean myself simply because I feel contaminated

39 I feel that there are good and bad numbers

40 I repeatedly check anything that might cause a fire

41 Even when I do something very carefully I feel that it is not quite right

42 I wash my hands more often, or for longer than necessary

Washing

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Checking

Doubting

Ordering

Obsessions

Hoarding

Neutralising

Mean OCI distress

Total OCI Score

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The OCI consists of 42 items composing 7 subscales: Washing, Checking, Doubting, Ordering, Obsessing (i.e. having obsessional thoughts), Hoarding, and Mental Neutralising. Each item is rated on a 5-point (0-4) scale of symptom distress.

Mean scores are calculated for each of the seven subscales, and an overall mean 'distress' score is provided (rounded to 2 decimal places). Each score is presented as a mean out of a possible maximum of '4'. Lower scores are better. A total score of 42 or more, or a mean score of 2.5 or more in any of the subscales suggests the presence of OCD, but is not diagnostic.

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