

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions



Conners Comprehensive Behavior Rating Scales™ 2nd Edition

Below, you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding **Conners Comprehensive Behavior Rating Scales™ 2nd Edition (Conners CBRS® 2)**.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

What is Conners CBRS 2?

Conners CBRS 2 is a standardized, multi-rater broadband assessment for youth ages 6–18. Conners CBRS 2 assesses a wide range of behavioral, emotional, social, and academic concerns and disorders. It also captures strengths alongside areas of difficulty. Conners CBRS 2 addresses changes and advances in research through updated content and improved, more representative norms.

What is new or different with Conners CBRS 2 compared to the Conners CBRS?

- **Most Content and DSM Symptom Scales are now organized into four clinically meaningful domains:** Strengths, Neurodevelopmental, Externalizing, and Internalizing. This structure allows the Conners CBRS 2 to provide insight into broader patterns in behavior and functioning.
- **Item content has been revised** to reflect advances in research and improve cultural sensitivity and clarity, with input from language experts to support diverse test-takers.
- **New and expanded Content Scales** include Resilience, Social Skills, Disinhibition (Emotional and Behavioral subscales), Aggression (General and Relational subscales), and Callousness (Parent, Teacher, and Self-Report–Adolescent only).
- **DSM Symptom Scales** were updated to align with current DSM-5-TR criteria.
- **Clinical Indicator Items have been expanded** to assess additional areas of concern like Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder, Risky Behaviors, Eating Disorder, and Problematic Internet Use.
- **Impairment & Functional Outcome Items (formerly Impairment Items) now capture** impairment in two additional life areas, such as Hobbies/Sports and Activities of Daily Living.
- **Response Style Analysis now includes** revised Negative Impression and Inconsistency Indices, as well as Omitted Items and Pace indicators (for online administrations), and the removal of the Positive Impression Index.
- **Updated normative data** now reflect ratings of youth across the United States and Canada in proportion to national census figures, in terms of key demographics, to provide representative and meaningful norms.
- **Now available in two age-specific versions:** Self-Report–Child (ages 8–12) and Self-Report–Adolescent (ages 13–18).



In what contexts can Conners CBRS 2 be effectively used?

Conners CBRS 2 is a standardized broadband assessment in both clinical and educational settings. This multi-rater assessment integrates Parent, Teacher, and Self-Report perspectives, allowing teams to evaluate a wide range of common, often co-occurring concerns across home and school environments. In educational settings, results can inform eligibility, re-evaluation, and service planning under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act.¹ In clinical settings, the measure supports diagnostic clarification, treatment planning, and progress monitoring by providing standardized scores across a broad range of DSM-related concerns.

¹Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA), Pub. L. No. 108-446, 118 Stat. 2647 (2004). [Amending 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.].

ADMINISTRATION, SCORING, AND REPORTING

What forms are available for Conners CBRS 2?

Parent: 6–18 years
Teacher: 6–18 years
Self-Report–Child: 8–12 years
Self-Report–Adolescent: 13–18 years

What is the difference between the Self-Report–Child and–Adolescent forms?

The Self-Report–Child and Self-Report–Adolescent each have developmentally appropriate content. The Callousness and Perfectionism scales appear only on the Adolescent form because younger children may have difficulty reliably self-reporting on these concepts. This distinction helps ensure more accurate and meaningful Self-Report results.

What is the average administration time of Conners CBRS 2?

Parent: 28 minutes
Teacher: 23 minutes
Self-Report–Child: 26 minutes
Self-Report–Adolescent: 23 minutes

What languages are the forms available in?

English (North America)
Spanish* (North America)
French (Canada)
**Spanish translations are available only for the Parent and Self-Report forms.*

What reports are available?

Conners CBRS 2 provides a Single-Rater Report. This report provides a detailed look at an individual's scores, with comparisons to normative benchmarks for youth of a similar age, indication of item and scale elevation, interpretative summaries, and recommendations for areas that may warrant further investigation.

What formats are the reports available in?

Single-Rater Reports are available in Microsoft Word and PDF formats.



Can I administer Conners CBRS 2 on paper if the measure is fully digital?

Yes, you can. While Conners CBRS 2 is a digital assessment, paper administration is supported. Paper forms can be printed from the MHS Online Assessment Center+ (MAC+). Responses from completed paper forms can then be entered into MAC+ for digital scoring and report generation. You may print or distribute as many paper forms as needed, with no charge incurred for printing or distributing forms. A Use is only consumed when responses are entered online, scored, and a report is generated.

Please note that sensitive content (Severe Conduct and Self-Harm Critical Items) can be disabled only for online administrations; it cannot be disabled for paper-based administrations.

COMPLEMENTARY MHS SOLUTIONS

What other MHS measures can I use in my battery along with Conners CBRS 2?

Conners CBRS 2 helps guide targeted next steps by identifying areas in which more focused assessment is most clinically meaningful. When specific Conners CBRS 2 scales are elevated, additional testing may be warranted, allowing evaluators to streamline the assessment process while reducing unnecessary testing burden.

Conners CBRS 2 reports also provide recommendations for other MHS assessments that may support further investigation of scale elevations. Depending on the results and referral questions, this may include narrowband measures such as the:

- Conners 4th Edition™ (Conners 4®) for ADHD-related concerns
- Autism Spectrum Rating Scales™ (ASRS®) for autism-related features
- Children's Depression Inventory 2nd Edition™ (CDI 2®) for depressive symptoms
- Multidimensional Anxiety Scale for Children 2nd Edition™ (MASC 2™) for anxiety-related concerns

Together, these tools allow practitioners to build a comprehensive, targeted assessment battery tailored to the individual's areas of need.

Learn more about MHS Clinical solutions:

PRODUCT ACCESS

How can I access Conners CBRS 2?

For existing Conners CBRS users: Conners CBRS 2 can be accessed through MAC+, where you can administer assessments, score responses, and generate reports with ease. You can begin using Conners CBRS 2 by purchasing Uses through MAC+ or the MHS Storefront.

For new users of Conners CBRS 2: If you do not already have a MAC+ account, you can create one during the checkout process by using the email address you want associated with your new account. Once your purchase is complete, your account will be created in one to two business days, and you can then administer assessments, score responses, and generate reports with ease.

Additional access options: Depending on your organization's setup, Conners CBRS 2 may also be available through integrations with select platforms.



What do I do with my existing Conners CBRS inventory?	Unused Conners CBRS inventory, regardless of form type, is eligible for a one-for-one substitution with Conners CBRS 2 Uses. If users want to generate a Conners CBRS 2 report when their Conners CBRS 2 Use balance is zero, an available Conners CBRS Use can be selected, instead. Users can specify which Conners CBRS form Use to substitute during the report generation. Note: During the transition, if Conners CBRS 2 Uses are purchased and added to an account, those Uses will be applied first when generating reports. The substitution option will not be available while Conners CBRS 2 Uses remain in the account and will only become available once all Conners CBRS 2 Uses have been fully consumed.
How long is the transition policy available?	The transition policy will be available for one year following the Conners CBRS 2 launch. This transition policy supports the use of existing inventory during a one-year transition period ending on August 31, 2027. During this time, unused Conners CBRS inventory can continue to be applied toward Conners CBRS 2 reports. After the transition period ends on August 31, 2027, all remaining unused Conners CBRS inventory across all form types will be automatically rolled over as Conners CBRS 2 inventory. Note: Specific dates relating to inventory rollover between products, end of sales, and Conners CBRS retirement will be communicated to users in advance.
Can Conners CBRS 2 be integrated into my organization's EHR or other purpose-built platforms?	Yes, the entire assessment life cycle for Conners CBRS 2 (including administration, scoring, and reports) can be integrated into your existing platform and workflows using a Universal REST API. You can work closely with our consulting team to develop a solution and implementation plan that addresses your organization's unique goals and requirements. To get started, contact our Customer Service team via email or MHS' Request Information page and mention "CBRS 2 and API Integration" in the email subject line and Request Information description box, respectively. Alternatively, contact us via the telephone numbers listed below, and our team will follow up to discuss your requirements and next steps.
Do you provide training for Conners CBRS 2?	Users can refer to the Conners CBRS 2 manual and onboarding resources to become familiar with the measure and key updates. If you are interested in a facilitated training session for your team or organization, please contact our Customer Service team, and we will be happy to assist.
Do I need to purchase a manual separately for Conners CBRS 2?	No, Conners CBRS 2 includes a digital manual. All MAC+ users can access the manual within the platform, with the option to print sections for easy reference. Integration customers can access the manual within their assessment access platforms.