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Agreement on Use of FACES IV Package

The **FACES IV Package** contains the six *FACES IV scales* as well as a scale for *Family Communication* and *Family Satisfaction*. These scales are all reliable and valid and deal with important dynamics in any family system. Family communication was included because it is the third dimension in the Circumplex Model and family satisfaction is important as an outcome measure. The FACES IV Package contains 62 items, 42 items from FACES IV and 10 for Family Communication and 10 for Family Satisfaction.

FACES IV contains six scales that each has 7 items, with a total of 42 items. There are two balanced scales that assess *balanced family cohesion* and *balanced family flexibility* and they are similar to FACES II. FACES IV also contains four unbalanced scales that assess the high and low extremes of cohesion and flexibility. There are two unbalanced scales for cohesion which are *disengaged and enmeshment*. There are two unbalanced scales for flexibility which are *rigid and chaotic*.

This Manual contains materials that you can use for administering, scoring and plotting the six FACES IV scores, the Family Communication and Family Satisfaction scales onto the *FACES IV Package: Summary Profile* and the revised *Circumplex Model*.

The entire FACES IV Package of 62 items must be used in any study using FACES IV.

Permission to Use FACES IV: Complete Family Abstract Form

In order to use FACES IV for clinical work or in a research study, you need to complete the *Family Abstract Form*. Once we receive the completed Abstract Form, we will give you permission to use FACES IV. Once approved, you have permission to reproduce unlimited number of copies of FACES IV for your research project or clinical work.

Other persons who want to use the FACES IV Package must purchase their own copy of the FACES IV Package and obtain permission to use the materials in their study.

After Your Study is Completed: Send Summary Report to Life Innovations

Once you have completed your study or clinical project, we would like a copy of the summary report of your project. This should be completed using the following headings: *title, hypotheses or goals, sample, research design, research methods, data analysis, findings related to FACES IV and conclusion.*

Excel Spreadsheet for Storing and Scoring the FACES IV Profile:

We have created an Excel file for tracking your subjects' answers that will automatically score the data for you. The Excel program will take each item response and sum them for each of the six FACES IV scales, creating a Total Raw score. The Total Raw Score is converted into Percentage Score using the Percentile Conversion Chart. The percentile score for the following six scales are provided: *Balanced Cohesion, Balanced Flexibility, Disengaged, Enmeshed, Rigid & Chaotic.* The Excel program will also create a *Cohesion Ratio, Flexibility Ratio* and *Total Circumplex Ratio* scores. The Excel program will sum the 10 items in the *Family Communication* and *Family Satisfaction* scales and provides a Total Raw Score for these two scales.

Sharing of Data with Life Innovations:

In order to develop a large and diverse norm base for FACES IV, we are requesting that you provide Life Innovations with a duplicate set of your data. We will give credit to you as providing data for the norm base. We would like to receive the data in an Excel File (Microsoft) using the format we provide. Your data will only be used for updating our national norms and for additional analysis on the reliability and validity of the scales. This sharing of data is voluntary, but it will be greatly appreciated by us and other scholars.

Translation of FACES IV

If you are willing to translate FACES IV, you will be given FACES IV at no cost and you will be given credit for the translation. You must follow the *Translation Guidelines* provided by Life Innovations at the web site:

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Cost of the FACES IV Package:

The cost for FACES IV and permission to use it for a research project or clinical assessment is \$95. The person ordering FACES IV also receives unlimited rights to duplicate the assessment for their own project. However, this fee provides permission to only the person who orders the assessment.

Student discounts for doctoral dissertations is \$75.

For questions, email to: cs@facesiv.com