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Overview of the FACES IV Package

After many years in development, FACES IV is now available for use in research projects, educational programs and clinical work. In order to make the **FACES IV Package** more comprehensive than the previous versions of FACES, the package now includes the six scales from *FACES IV*, *Family Communication* and the *Family Satisfaction* scales. While FACES IV assesses the cohesion and flexibility dimensions, Family Communication assesses communication (the third dimension of the Circumplex Model) and Family Satisfaction assesses how happy family members are with their family system.

In order to use FACES IV, you must use the entire FACES IV Package which contains 62 items.

New Features in FACES IV:

- **Six new family scales:** These six scales assess the dimensions of family cohesion and family flexibility from the Circumplex Model. These six scales include two balanced and four unbalanced scales. These scales have very good levels of reliability and validity. There are seven items in each scale, making a total of 42 items in FACES IV.
- **Two Balanced Scales:** These two scales are called *Balanced Cohesion* and *Balanced Flexibility*—similar to FACES II so results can be linked with past research using FACES. These scores are linear scales so that the higher the score, the more positive.
- **Four Unbalanced Scales:** These four scales assess the low and high extremes of the two dimensions called *Disengaged and Enmeshed* for the Cohesion dimension and *Rigid and Chaotic* for the Flexibility dimension.
- **FACES IV Profile:** This profile is used for plotting the scores from the six FACES IV scales.

- **Six Family Types:** Using cluster analysis of the six FACES IV scales, six family types were identified and they ranged from happy to unhappy and were called: Balanced, Rigidly Cohesive, Midrange, Flexibly Unbalanced, Chaotically Unbalanced and Unbalanced.
- **Circumplex Model—Revised:** The revised model enables one to graphically plot the six FACES IV scales onto the Circumplex Model.
- **Balanced/Unbalanced Ratio Score:** This score is designed to assess the level of function/dysfunction in a family system and to also test for curvilinearity.

Family Communication Scale:

This 10 item scale addresses many of the most important aspects of communication in a family system. Communication is considered a facilitating dimension in the Circumplex Model and there is now a short and reliable assessment for this dimension.

Family Satisfaction Scale:

This 10 item scale assesses the satisfaction of family members in regard to family cohesion, flexibility and communication. This is an important addition to the package since it assesses satisfaction with the current family system.

Family Profile Summary:

This profile is designed to plot the *six FACES IV scales* along with the *Family Communication* and *Family Satisfaction* scales.

Cost of the FACES IV Package:

The cost for the FACES IV Package 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.

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