Instrument	Pediatric Anesthesia Emergence Delirium Scale
Acronym	PAED
Core Domain	Severity
Area assessed (Number of	5 total items: 1) Child makes eye contact with caregiver, 2) child's actions are purposeful,
questions)	3) child is aware of his/her surroundings, 4) child is restless, 5) child is inconsolable.
Description	The Pediatric Anesthesia Emergence Delirium Scale (PAED) is an observational scale that
	has been validated in children ages 18 months to 6 years to detect and measure severity
	of hyperactive emergence delirium upon awakening from anesthesia. PAED measures changes to a child's awareness and attention, along with disorientation and perceptual
	disturbances, immediately following conclusion of anesthesia. Perceptual disturbances
	include hypersensitivity to stimuli and hyperactive motor behavior.
Versions	1
Scoring information	All items are scored on a 0-4 point scale as occurring not at all, just a little, quite a bit, very
	much, or extremely. Item scores are added together for a total score, with higher scores
	indicating more severe delirium.
Cognitive testing	Not required
Estimated time to rate	<2 minutes; to be administered within 30 mins of awakening from surgery, preferably 10
	minutes after child awakens and remains awake
Require trained rater	Yes, validated for use by nurses, physicians, emergency medical services
Administer to	Children ages 18 months to 6 years, within 30 mins after awakening from surgery
Special resources required	None
How to obtain	Available at <a href="http://anesthesiology.pubs.asahq.org/article.aspx?articleid=1942731">http://anesthesiology.pubs.asahq.org/article.aspx?articleid=1942731</a>
Licensing Fee*	None
Languages available Highest COSMIN** rating	English, Swedish, Portuguese
Test Performance	In progress Sikich 2004 (n=50 children aged 18 months to 6 years, scheduled to receive sevoflurane,
Characteristics	isoflurane, or halothane for elective out-patient surgery; reference standard: clinical
Characteristics	judgment score of emergence delirium from 1 [none] to 7 [extreme amount], conducted
	by same clinicians rating the PAED)
	•Interobserver reliability: 0.84 [95% CI 0.76-0.90]
	•Construct Validity: Correlation with child's age [r= -0.31, p<0.04, n=46]; child's time to
	awakening [r= -0.50, p<0.001, n=46]; clinical judgment scores [r=0.86, p<0.001, n=46]; Post
	Hospital Behavior Questionnaire scores on postoperative day 2 [r= -0.31, p<0.08, n=33]
	and 7 [r= -0.22, p=0.20, n=34]
	•Sensitivity: 64% at PAED score of 10 or greater
	•Specificity: 85% at PAED score of 10 or greater

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\*\* COSMIN is used to rate a study's evaluation of a survey or test's measurement properties. COSMIN does NOT rate the instrument itself, but helps readers understand if they can have confidence in the results of studies evaluating measurement properties of surveys and tests. For example, a rigorous study evaluating a test with poor measurement properties will receive a "good" COSMIN rating, while a poorly-conducted study evaluating a test with good measurement properties will receive a "poor" COSMIN rating. Small sample size can impact all COSMIN ratings. You must consider both the COSMIN rating and the results of studies provided when forming your opinion about that test. *COSMIN ratings shown are based solely on the instrument's original validation study*.

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