Social Support Questionnaire 6 (SSQ6)

Instructions:

The following questions ask about people in your life who provide you with help or support. Each question has two parts. For the first part, list all the people you know, excluding yourself, whom you can count on for help or support in the manner described. Give the person’s initials and their relationship to you (see example). Do not list more than one person next to each of the numbers beneath the question.

For the second part, circle how satisfied you are with the overall support you have.

If you have no support for a question, check the words “No one,” but still rate your level of satisfaction. Do not list more than nine persons per question.

Please answer all questions as best you can. All your answers will be kept confidential.

Example:

Who do you know whom you can trust with information that could get you in trouble?

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<th>4) T.N. (father)</th>
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How Satisfied?

| 6 – very satisfied | 5 – fairly satisfied | 4 – a little satisfied | 3 – a little dissatisfied | 2 – fairly dissatisfied | 1 – very dissatisfied |
1. Whom can you really count on to be dependable when you need help?

   No one  1)        4)    7)
   2)        5)    8)
   3)        6)    9)

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2. Whom can you really count on to help you feel more relaxed when you are under pressure or tense?

   No one  1)        4)    7)
   2)        5)    8)
   3)        6)    9)

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3. Who accepts you totally, including both your worst and your best points?

   No one  1)        4)    7)
   2)        5)    8)
   3)        6)    9)

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4. Whom can you really count on to care about you, regardless of what is happening to you?

   No one  1)        4)    7)
   2)        5)    8)
   3)        6)    9)

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5. Whom can you really count on to help you feel better when you are feeling generally down-in-the-dumps?

   No one  1)        4)    7)
   2)        5)    8)
   3)        6)    9)

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6. Whom can you count on to console you when you are very upset?

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To score SSQ6:
1. Add total number of people for all 27 items. (Max. is 243).
2. Total satisfaction scores for all 27 items. (Max is 162).
3. You can also add up total number of people that are family members and that can give the SSQ family score.