

Attitude Scale for Mental Illness

(A modified version of the questionnaire, Opinions about Mental Illness in the Chinese Community (OMICC) (Ng & Chan, 2000)).

1. (S) People with mental illness have unpredictable behavior.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
2. (S) If people become mentally ill once, they will easily become ill again.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
3. (S) If a mental health facility is set up in my street or community, I will move out of the community.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
4. (S) Even after a person with mental illness is treated, I would still be afraid to be around them.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
5. (S) Mental patients and other patients should not be treated in the same hospital.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
6. (S) When a spouse is mentally ill, the law should allow for the other spouse to file for divorce.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree

7. (S) People with mental illness tend to be violent.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
8. (S) People with mental illness are dangerous.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
9. (S) People with mental illness should be feared.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
10. (St) It is easy to identify those who have a mental illness.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
11. (St) You can easily tell who has a mental illness by the characteristics of their behavior.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
12. (St) People with mental illness have a lower I.Q.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
13. (St) All people with mental illness have some strange behavior.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree

14. (R) It is not appropriate for a person with mental illness to get married.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
15. (R) Those who have a mental illness cannot fully recover.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
16. (R) Those who are mentally ill should not have children.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
17. (R) There is no future for people with mental illness.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
18. (B) People with mental illness can hold a job.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
19. (B) The care and support of family and friends can help people with mental illness to get rehabilitated.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree
20. (B) Corporations and the community (including the government) should offer jobs to people with mental illness.
 - a. Totally disagree
 - b. Almost totally disagree
 - c. Sometimes agree
 - d. Almost totally agree
 - e. Totally agree

21. (B) After a person is treated for mental illness they can return to their former job position.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
22. (B) The best way to help those with a mental illness to recover is to let them stay in the community and live a normal life.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
23. (B) After people with mental illness are treated and rehabilitated, we still should not make friends with them.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
24. (S) After people with mental illness are treated, they are still more dangerous than normal people.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
25. (B) It is possible for everyone to have a mental illness.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
26. (B) We should not laugh at the mentally ill even though they act strangely.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree

27. (P) It is harder for those who have a mental illness to receive the same pay for the same job.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
28. (P) After treatment it will be difficult for the mentally ill to return to the community.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
29. (P) People are prejudiced towards those with mental illness.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
30. (P) It is hard to have good friends if you have a mental illness.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
31. (Stig) It is seldom for people who are successful at work to have a mental illness.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
32. (Stig) It is shameful to have a mental illness.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree
33. (Stig) Mental illness is a punishment for doing some bad things.
- Totally disagree
 - Almost totally disagree
 - Sometimes agree
 - Almost totally agree
 - Totally agree

34. (Stig) I suggest that those who have a mental illness do not tell anyone about their illness.

- a. Totally disagree
- b. Almost totally disagree
- c. Sometimes agree
- d. Almost totally agree
- e. Totally agree

Legend for Questionnaire:

S - Separatism

St - Stereotyping

R - Restrictiveness

B - Benevolence

P - Pessimistic prediction

Stig - Stigmatization