Drooling Impact Scale (DIS)¹

The DIS is a tool developed to help assess the impact of drooling on quality of life across a number of areas and can help assess the effectiveness of a treatment. The total score out of 100 gives an understanding of the severity of drooling and its impact on the life of the child and the parent/carer.



se the boxes on t	he right to p	orovide a sc	ore out of 1	0 for the fo	llowing para	meters. O	ver the past week:	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Q1. How frequent				6	7	8	Constantly 9 10						
Q2. How severe w	as the drool	ing?											
Remained dry	3	4	5	6	7 ——	8	Profuse 9 ——— 10						
Q3. How many tim	nes a day did	l you have t	o change bi	bs or clothii	ng due to dro	ooling?							
Once or not at all	3	4	5	6	7	8	10 or more ——— 9 ——— 10						
Q4. How offensive	e was the sm	ell of the sa	iliva on you	r child?									
Not offensive	3	4 ——	5	6	7	8	Very offensive 9 — 10						
Q5. How much ski	in irritation l	has your chi	ild had due t	to drooling?									
None I 2	3	4	5	6 —	7	8	Severe rash 10						
Q6. How frequent	ly did your c	hild's mout	h need wipi	ng?									
Not at all	3	4	5	6	7	8	All the time 10						
Q7. How embarras	ssed did you	r child seen	n to be abou	ıt his/her d	ribbling?								
Not at all	3	4	5	6	7	8	Very embarrassed 9 — 10						
Q8. How much do	you have to	wipe or clea	n saliva fron	n household	items e.g. to	ys, furnitur	e, computers, etc?						
Not at all	3	4	5	6 ——	7	8	All the time 10						
Q9. To what exten	nt did your ch	nild's drooli	ng affect his	s/her life?									
Not at all 2 ———	3	4 ——	5	6 ——	7 ——	8	Greatly 9 — 10						
Q10. To what exte	ent did your o	child's dribb	ling affect y	you and you	r family's lif	e?							
Not at all	3	4	5	6	7 ——	8	Greatly 9 ———— 10						
							Overall score:						