

Assessment of the Impact of Event Scale Revised for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Chilean Subjects

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Abstract

Background: Impact of Event Scale Revised (IES-R), that evaluates the subjective perception of stress, is used to assess post traumatic stress disorder symptoms. Aim: To adapt and validate IES-R to the Chilean population. Material and Methods: Two hundred seventy eight subjects exposed to stressful life events of varying magnitude were assessed using the IES-R, the Beck Depression Inventory, the anxiety and somatoform subscales of the Depressive, Anxiety and Somatoform Disorders Scale and the AUDIT Questionnaire. Results: IES-R had adequate psychometric properties in terms of internal consistency, test-retest reliability, convergent and discriminating validity. It identified a principal factor, explaining 67% of the variance. Conclusions: The IES-R can be used in the Chilean population to assess the degree of suffering produced by a traumatic event. (Rev Med Chile 2011; 139: 1163-1168).

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