Communication with Physicians

When you visit your doctor, how often do you do the following (please circle one number for each question):

1. Prepare a list of questions for your doctor ................................................................. 0 1 2 3 4 5
2. Ask questions about the things you want to know and things you don’t understand about your treatment ............... 0 1 2 3 4 5
3. Discuss any personal problems that may be related to your illness...................... 0 1 2 3 4 5

Scoring
Score each item as the number circled. If more than one consecutive number is circled, code the lower number (less communication). If the numbers are not consecutive, do not score the item. The score is the mean of the three items. If more than one is missing, set the value of the score for the scale to missing. A higher score indicates better communication with physicians.

Characteristics
Tested on 1,130 subjects with chronic disease. N=51 for test-retest.

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Source of Psychometric Data

Comments
This scale was developed to see if the key behaviors we teach concerning communicating with health care providers have changed. This scale available in Spanish.
References

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