

Diagnostic Criteria for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder*

If your child has six or more of the following symptoms in sections 1 or 2, call Stormont-Vail *West* at (785) 270-4630 to schedule an evaluation.

1) Six (or more) of the following symptoms of **inattention** have persisted for at least 6 months:

Inattention

- a) Often fails to give close attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork, work, or other activities
- b) Often has difficulty sustaining attention in tasks or play activities
- c) Often does not seem to listen when spoken to directly
- d) Often does not follow through on instructions and fails to finish school-work, chores, or duties in the workplace (not due to oppositional behavior or failure to understand instructions)
- e) Often has difficulty organizing tasks and activities
- f) Often avoid, dislikes or is reluctant to engage in tasks that require sustained mental effort (such as schoolwork or homework)
- g) Often loses things necessary for tasks or activities (e.g., toys, school assignments, pencils, books, or tools.)
- h) Is often easily distracted by extraneous stimuli
- i) Is often forgetful in daily activities

2) Six (or more) of the following symptoms of **hyperactivity-impulsivity** have persisted for at least 6 months:

Hyperactivity

- a) Often fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat
- b) Often leaves seat in classroom or in other situation in which remaining seated is expected
- c) Often runs about or climbs excessively in situations in which it is inappropriate (in adolescents or adults, may be limited to subjective feelings of restlessness)
- d) Often has difficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities quietly
- e) Is often “on the go” or often acts as if “driven by a motor”
- f) Often talks excessively

Impulsivity

- g) Often blurts out answers before questions have been completed
- h) Often has difficulty awaiting turn
- i) Often interrupts or intrudes on others (e.g., butts into conversations or games)