

Information for Clinicians

Scoring instructions

Add the numbers corresponding to the answers for questions 1 through 5. If the patient's score is 21 or less, erectile dysfunction (ED) should be addressed. The SHIM score characterizes the severity of the patient's ED in the following manner:

- 22-25 No ED
- 17-21 Mild ED
- 12-16 Mild-to-moderate ED
- 8-11 Moderate ED
- 5-7 Severe ED

Score: _____

Purpose of SHIM

- With the advent of oral therapies for ED, the need for accurate diagnosis is greater than ever.
- The SHIM Questionnaire (also known as the IIEF-5) is an abridged and slightly modified 5-item version of the 15-item International Index of Erectile Function (IIEF), designed for easy use, by clinicians, to diagnose the presence and severity of ED in clinical settings.
- This diagnostic tool may reduce the number of incorrectly diagnosed or underdiagnosed cases. It is intended to complement the physical examination and patient history as a means to detect ED.

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