Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)

SIS is an assessment tool that evaluates the practical support requirements of people with intellectual disability.

First published in 2004, a suite of SIS tools is under development, including a “refreshed” version for adults, a new version for children, and an updated online electronic scoring, data collection, and report generating platform.

SIS-A is the next generation of the original SIS assessment tool for adults. In addition to the printed manual and assessment forms, SIS-A features updated online electronic scoring, data collection, and report generating platform.

SIS-A has several “value added” changes; however, the elements of the tool that contribute to the standard score and the standard score itself does not change with this refreshed version.

SIS-A
- Has additional items on the cover page, which will allow large-scale users to easily create reports on a variety of demographic variables.
- Has reordered subscales to allow a more comfortable progression of sensitive topics during the interview.
- Has an updated user’s manual that incorporates new information and lessons learned since its original publication in 2004.

SIS-C expands upon the original SIS assessment tool. SIS-C also features a printed manual and assessment forms, online electronic scoring, data collection, and report generating platform.

SIS-C aligns with the structure of SIS-A, but is specially tailored to assess the support needs of children.

SIS-C assessment tool addresses the support need of the child in comparison to typically functioning children of the same age.

The subscales of SIS-C are:
- Home Living Activities
- Community & Neighborhood Activities
- School Participation Activities
- School Learning Activities
- Health & Safety Activities
- Social Activities
- Advocacy Activities