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INSTRUMENT TITLE: *Duke UNC Functional Social Support Questionnaire-Short Form (DUFSS-5)*

SOURCE ARTICLE: Saracino, R., Kolva, E., Rosenfeld, B., & Breitbart, W. (2015). Measuring social support in patients with advanced medical illnesses: An analysis of the Duke–UNC Functional Social Support Questionnaire. *Palliative & supportive care, 13*(5), 1153-1163.

RESPONSE OPTIONS: 3-point Likert. The DUFSS-5 is a version of the DUFFS that collapsed item responses into three categories: 0 (responses 0 and 1), 1 (responses 2 and 3), and 2 (response 4).

SCORING: Higher scores indicate higher levels of social support.

SURVEY ITEMS: Please see attached. The five items selected for the DUFSS-5 are in bold font.

RELIABILITY INFORMATION: Cronbach's $\alpha = 0.80$

VALIDITY INFORMATION: Convergent validity was assessed.

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DUFSS Item

1. Visits from friends and family . . .
 2. Help . . .
 3. Help with money in emergency . . .
 4. Praise for a good job . . .
 - 5. People who care what happens to me . . .**
 - 6. Love and affection . . .**
 7. Telephone calls from people I know . . .
 8. Chances to talk to someone about problems at work or with my housework
 - 9. Chances to talk to someone I trust about my personal and family problems . . .**
 10. Chances to talk about money matters . . .
 11. Invitations to go out and do things with other people . . .
 - 12. Useful advice about important things in life . . .**
 - 13. Help when I need transportation . . .**
 14. Help when I am sick in bed . . .
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