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INSTRUMENT TITLE: *Medical Outcomes Study (MOS) Social Support Survey*

SOURCE ARTICLE: Kim, S., Ouellet, L. J., Mazza, J., & Spaulding, A. C. (2017). Rasch Analysis and Differential Item Functioning of a Social Support Measure in Jail Inmates With HIV Infection. *Evaluation & the health professions, 40*(1), 33-60.

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POPULATION: Women, men, HIV-positive, incarcerated adults

RESPONSE OPTIONS: Please see attached

SCORING: An overall functional social support index can be obtained by calculating the average of the scores for all 18 items included in the four subscales and the score for the one additional item. A higher score for an individual subscale or for the overall support index indicates better perceived social support.

SURVEY ITEMS: Please see attached

RELIABILITY INFORMATION: Cronbach's $\alpha=0.90$

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VALIDITY INFORMATION: Convergent validity and known groups validity were both assessed. Factor analysis confirmed that this measure is unidimensional.

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Next are some questions about the support that is available to you.

1. About how many close friends and close relatives do you have (people you feel at ease with and can talk to about what is on your mind)?

Write in number of close friends and
close relatives:

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People sometimes look to others for companionship, assistance, or other types of support. How often is each of the following kinds of support available to you if you need it?

(Circle One Number On Each Line)

	None of the Time	A Little of the Time	Some of the Time	Most of the Time	All of the Time
2. Someone to help you if you were confined to bed	1	2	3	4	5
3. Someone you can count on to listen to you when you need to talk	1	2	3	4	5

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4. Someone to give you good advice about a crisis.....	1	2	3	4	5
5. Someone to take you to the doctor if you needed it	1	2	3	4	5
6. Someone who shows you love and affection	1	2	3	4	5
7. Someone to have a good time with	1	2	3	4	5
8. Someone to give you information to help you understand a situation.....	1	2	3	4	5
9. Someone to confide in or talk to about yourself or your problems	1	2	3	4	5
10. Someone who hugs you	1	2	3	4	5
11. Someone to get together with for relaxation	1	2	3	4	5
12. Someone to prepare your meals if you were unable to do it yourself	1	2	3	4	5
13. Someone whose advice you really want.....	1	2	3	4	5
14. Someone to do things with to help you get your mind off things	1	2	3	4	5
15. Someone to help with daily chores if you were sick	1	2	3	4	5
16. Someone to share your most private worries and fears with.....	1	2	3	4	5
17. Someone to turn to for suggestions about how to deal with a personal problem	1	2	3	4	5
18. Someone to do something enjoyable with	1	2	3	4	5
19. Someone who understands your problems	1	2	3	4	5
20. Someone to love and make you feel wanted	1	2	3	4	5

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