The Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview (M.I.N.I.): the development and validation of a structured diagnostic psychiatric interview for DSM-IV and ICD-10

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University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa 33613, USA. The Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview (M.I.N.I.) is a short structured diagnostic interview, developed jointly by psychiatrists and clinicians in the United States and Europe, for DSM-IV and ICD-10 psychiatric disorders. With an administration time of approximately 15 minutes, it was designed to meet the need for a short but accurate structured psychiatric interview for multicenter clinical trials and epidemiology studies and to be used as a first step in outcome tracking in nonresearch clinical settings. The authors describe the development of the M.I.N.I. and its family of interviews: the M.I.N.I.-Screen, the M.I.N.I.-Plus, and the M.I.N.I.-Kid. They report on validation of the M.I.N.I. in relation to the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-III-R, Patient Version, the Composite International Diagnostic Interview, and expert professional opinion, and they comment on potential applications for this interview. PMID: 9881538 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]


Main modules within the MINI are:

1. Major Depressive Episodes
2. Dysthymia
3. Suicidality
4. (Hypo)manic episodes
5. Panic Disorder
6. Agoraphobia
7. Social Phobia
8. Obsessive Compulsive disorder
9. Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
10. Alcohol dependence / Abuse
11. Drug Dependence / Abuse
12. Psychotic Disorders
13. Anorexia Nervosa
14. Bulimia Nervosa
15. Generalized Anxiety Disorder
16. Antisocial Personality Disorder