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Structured Clinical Interview for Obsessive-Compulsive Spectrum

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INTRODUCTION: OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE SPECTRUM

Thank you for coming in to talk with me today. The interview we are going to do is focused on symptoms that you may or may not have experienced in your life. We want to identify whether you have had these symptoms at any time, even if it was a long time ago. We are interested in whether you had the symptoms at all, especially if having them bothered you or disturbed you. There are eight sections of the interview and it should take us about an hour to complete it. Do you have any questions before we start?

DOMAIN I. OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE TRAITS DURING CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

I would like to start with some questions about feelings or experiences that you may have had during childhood or adolescence.

When you were a child, do you remember (or have you ever been told) that you...

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1.	felt uncomfortable when your friends or even your family showed you affection (for example, turning away when offered a kiss)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
2.	were not able to enjoy playing or doing things because you were afraid of getting dirty or hurt (for example, playing sports, eating an ice cream cone, or playing in the sand box)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
3.	went through a series of rituals before going to sleep (for example, placing slippers, pillows, clothes or toys in a particular position, saying goodnight or prayers in a particular way, or listening to a certain story)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
4.	were extremely careful about your handwriting, or that you wrote in a very particular or elaborate way?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
5.	were very careful about your papers, books or notebooks (for example, you didn't like others to borrow or even touch them)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
6.	needed to memorize names, numbers, historical dates or geographical statistics (such as the height of mountains, length of rivers, population of towns and countries)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
7.	pestered your parents with questions like which animals were the strongest, fastest, fiercest?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
8.	thought you couldn't do things perfectly enough to please your parents?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	

When you were a child, do you remember (or have you ever been told) that you...

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9.	repeatedly asked questions that didn't have definite answers, such as where God came from or how the earth was made?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
10.	spent most of your free time doing something intellectual (for example, reading, visiting museums, looking at monuments, studying astronomy)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
11.	were always in search of the perfect friend or that you were disappointed with the ones that you had?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
12.	were very possessive of your own things, even your friends?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
13.	were an unusually mature, responsible, or organized child for your age?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
14.	felt very uncomfortable whenever you did even the smallest thing that you thought your family might not approve of?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
15.	were an obstinate, stubborn child?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
16.	were very particular about your clothes?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
17.	spent most of your time with your collections?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
18.	needed to find just the right word or the exact pronunciation?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
19.	stuttered?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
20.	had tics of any kind?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
21.	had impulses to torture animals or even kill them?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
22.	Did you perform poorly in school because of any of these problems?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
23.	Did these problems interfere with things you did outside of school?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	

DOMAIN II. DOUBT

Now I would like to explore things that you may have experienced at any time during your life.

Let's begin with some questions about doubts that you might have had.

Have you often...

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24.	been troubled by repetitive doubts about things you do in your everyday life (like how well you shaved, brushed your teeth, chose the right clothes)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
25.	felt doubtful to the point of being 'paralyzed' when faced with an ordinary decision, because of worrying that it could have unpredictable consequences?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
26.	doubted your own memory even though there was no reason to do so? Note: exclude any mental confusion due to a medical condition, substance abuse, or drugs.	Do Not Know	No	Yes
27.	felt very frustrated when you couldn't get a definite and immediate reply to a question?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
28.	felt the urgent need to know whether some job or task that you had carried out had in fact been done correctly?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
29.	felt the need for well-defined rules for most things you did?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
30.	felt that because you could be wrong you could not stick to your own point of view?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
31.	felt unprepared and unsure of yourself before an exam or test, despite knowing the subject matter well?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
32.	felt anxious if you didn't have a written list when doing things like going shopping, going to the doctor, or meeting with someone?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
33.	been considered a very touchy person?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
34.	had difficulty choosing something, without asking someone else's advice (for example, what clothes to wear, what to order at a restaurant, what to buy, whether to accept an invitation)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

Have you often...

35.	had difficulty throwing things away, because they might be useful someday (for example, old pens, diaries, newspapers)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
36.	felt unable to make a decision because you saw the advantages and disadvantages of both sides?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

DOMAIN III. HYPERCONTROL

Now I want to ask you about some other things you might have experienced.

A. Caution

Have you often been reluctant to...

37.	do things that came up unexpectedly ?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
38.	make changes in your daily routine ?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
39.	do something because you thought there was a chance it wouldn't work out well?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
40.	do something because you were afraid that it might set off your rituals or obsessions (for example, you tried not to shake someone's hand because you might feel that you would have to wash afterward)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

B. Checking

Have you often felt that you must...

41.	remember things even when you don't really need to (for example, everyone's phone numbers, birthdays, license plates, dates and occasions)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
42.	check to be sure the door is locked or that the gas or the lights have been turned off?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
43.	check drawers to be sure that everything is in order?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
44.	check that you haven't lost valuable personal items (for example, money, keys, papers, or jewelry)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
45.	check that you haven't made some mistake in your written work (for example, re-reading some document or home-work before submitting it or re-opening an envelope to check a letter before sending it)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
46.	check for dust or dirt?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

Have you often felt that you must...

47.	check that you haven't hurt yourself or someone else, because you suddenly get the idea that you might have?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
48.	check something even after it has been checked by others?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
49.	ask someone else to check something for you because you fear you didn't check it thoroughly enough yourself (for example, asking neighbors or a passerby to confirm that the door was shut or asking to be searched to see whether your wallet or other personal effects were still in place)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

C. Emotional control

Have you ever considered yourself or has anybody told you that you ...

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50.	were not emotionally spontaneous and appeared detached and indifferent toward others ?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
51.	were overcritical of yourself or others?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
52.	talked and behaved in a formal or stilted manner?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
53.	had no sense of humor?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
54.	had no imagination?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
55.	were unable to let yourself go?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
56.	were someone who was very persistent and never gave up?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
57.	were someone who sulked?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
58.	couldn't get deeply involved in a relationship?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
59.	couldn't let go during sexual intercourse?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

Have you ever considered yourself or has anybody told you that you ...

60.	preferred to have sexual intercourse in your own particular way, like at certain times, or in certain places? Note: do not consider those under medical advice	Do Not Know	No	Yes
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Have you often found it difficult to...

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61.	change your point of view in a discussion or even consider that you might have been wrong?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
62.	change your way of doing something even if there might have been a better way?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
63.	adapt to another person's ways?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
64.	see the middle ground because you are more likely to see things as 'black-or-white', 'all-or-nothing', 'good or evil'?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
65.	forgive and forget?			
66.	lend or borrow clothes, books, tapes, or other personal things?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
67.	leave your children with a baby sitter?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
68.	accept other peoples' recollection of events?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
69.	work with others?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
70.	spend money, to the point that you were considered stingy?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

D. Control of others

Have you often felt you needed to impose...

71.	your plans and habits on your family and friends (for example, your passion for cleanliness, your own schedule, etc.)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
72.	your plans and habits on your co-workers (for example, routines, plans, schedule, deadlines to be met)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

Have you often felt you needed to impose...

73.	your political ideals, career choices, or preferred sports on your children?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
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E. Conformism and traditional values

Have you ever considered yourself or has anybody told you that you were ...

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74.	extremely bound to tradition?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
75.	uncompromising with respect to moral issues?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
76.	over-involved with charities or volunteer organizations?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
77.	a person who strongly believes in law and order ?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
78.	a person who strongly prefers a conservative style of dress and haircut?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
79.	very careful to follow all the rules of etiquette?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
80.	a person who has difficulty accepting changes in society?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
81.	a person who obeys authority without question? Note: except during military service.	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
82.	fascinated by parades and uniforms?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
83.	a person who always kept your word?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	

F. Control over others

Have you ever...

84.	felt compelled to organize the lives of your friends and relatives?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
85.	felt compelled to take care of all your friends' and relatives' problems?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
86.	been criticized by your family or friends because you were intrusive or overprotective?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

G. Magical thinking

Have you ever believed...

87.	that you could change the course of events by following special practices or rituals (for example, touching or moving objects according to a set procedure, reciting spells or magic formulas)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
88.	that the world is governed by destiny or by supernatural forces?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
89.	that you have a "sixth sense"? Note: excluding sudden, unaccountable, delusional intuition.	Do Not Know	No	Yes
90.	in things such as horoscopes, palm readers, or psychics, or that certain numbers or colors bring bad or good luck?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
91.	that thinking of something could make it happen? Note: exclude feelings of guilt derived from psychotic depression, thought transmitting or influencing phenomena.	Do Not Know	No	Yes

DOMAIN IV. TEMPORAL DIMENSION

Now I'd like to ask you how you spend your time.

A. Time management

Have you often...

92.	spent nearly every minute of the day working or studying (for example, while on vacation, at the hairdresser, while in a waiting room, while waiting for food to cook or during television commercials)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
93.	left the table right after you've finished eating so that you could begin doing something else, instead of just relaxing for a while?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
94.	felt obligated to fill free time with productive activities (for example, exercising, studying, working)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

Have you ever considered yourself or has anybody told you that you ...

95.	wasted time and energy on insignificant details, treating them as much more important than they were?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
96.	took much more time than your colleagues to finish something because you were never satisfied with the small details?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
97.	often arrived late for appointments either because you lost track of time, you hadn't finished previous tasks, or you didn't want to be kept waiting?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
98.	sometimes arrived excessively early for appointments?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

B. Slowness

Has anybody told you that you ...

99.	were very slow when carrying out normal daily activities (for example, eating, speaking, reading, writing, dressing or washing)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
100	moved in 'slow motion'? Note: not due to depression or to neurological conditions.	Do Not Know	No	Yes

DOMAIN V. PERFECTIONISM

Now I'd like to ask you how perfectionistic you are.

Have you often considered yourself a person who...

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101.	was extremely orderly and precise?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
102.	wasn't good at seeing the overall picture at work or school, because you got bogged down in the details?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
103.	was dissatisfied with your own decisions or the results of your own work, despite being extremely thoughtful, precise, and careful (for example, being unhappy with the clothes you wore after taking hours to choose them, or being convinced that the house is dirty after a thorough cleaning)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
104.	re-wrote lecture notes many times before beginning to study?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
105.	wrote a minutely detailed list of all the things you had to do?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
106.	felt that you had to go to sleep every night at the same hour or in exactly the same position?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
107.	always needed to have things in your house or office in exactly the same place?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
108.	had to finish something even if it was no longer necessary or interesting (for example, finish a boring book before starting another)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
109.	needed to answer questions thoroughly, to the point of consulting reference books or encyclopedias, even on trivial matters ?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
110.	paid attention to minute details of a house, shop, party, meeting, exhibition, book, or document ?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
111.	saved things, even though they might not have any value (for example, used stamps, postcards, coins, photographs, magazines, recipes, or other things of little use)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
112.	liked to have a complete set of anything, once you had gotten the first one (for example, of books, dolls, sports cards, tools)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

Have you often considered yourself a person who...

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113.	kept old clothes even if you might never wear them again?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
114.	kept the address and phone number of anyone you know, so that you could always have the number close at hand?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
115.	read newspapers or magazines regularly and systematically?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
116.	waited for the next show when you were late for a movie, rather than miss the first few minutes?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
117.	bought a book because you needed to own it, even though you had already read it?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
118.	was extremely concerned about aesthetics (for example, symmetry, matching colors, taste in clothes, or furnishings)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

DOMAIN VI. REPETITION AND AUTOMATION

Now I'd like to ask you about repeating things.

A. Repetition

119.	Have you often felt compelled to repeat something until you did it just right (for example, locking and unlocking a door, turning the light on and off, getting in and out of a parking space with the car)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
120.	Do you ever have the urge to repeat something over and over even when there is no particular reason?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
121.	Do you ever have the urge to repeat a particular word over and over again, in an effort to improve your pronunciation, or give more emphasis to your speech?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

B. Automation

Have you often felt compelled to...

122.	walk in a particular way?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
123.	repeat a movement for no reason?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
124.	imitate the accent of a person you are speaking with?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
125.	repeatedly touch an object or part of your body for no reason?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
126.	count things pointlessly (for example, counting numbers on license plates, pages of a book, windows or floors in an office building)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
127.	repeatedly trace letters or words in something you have written?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
128.	do something like shouting, spitting, or sniffing even if it is inappropriate at the time?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

Have you often felt compelled to...

129.	keep repeating a slogan or humming a tune to yourself, without being able to get it out of your head?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
130.	clear your nose or throat before speaking, or make certain movements with hands before writing or before knocking on a door?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

DOMAIN VII. OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE THEMES

Now I'd like to ask you about thoughts or feelings you may have had in the past.

A. Contamination

Have you ever felt preoccupied with unwanted thoughts of...

Note: be certain that this does not occur only when the subject is in a specific situation (for example, in a hospital which causes thoughts of germs).

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131.	dirt, germs or contaminants?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
132.	eating spoiled food or taking outdated medications?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
133.	toxic substances in your body?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
134.	pollution?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
135.	infections from using public toilets?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
136.	dirt or germs when using towels and dishes in restaurants or bed linens when sleeping away from home?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
137.	becoming ill when with sick people, even if you knew that the illness was not contagious?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	

B. Cleaning

Have you ever felt compelled to...

138.	be very meticulous in matters of personal hygiene (for example, frequently washing your hands, hair, nails, brushing your teeth, or showering more than once a day)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
139.	insist that other people be very meticulous with regard to personal hygiene (for example, your children or spouse)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
140.	clean your house or car even if it is already very clean ?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
141.	clean a certain part of your house everyday while neglecting other areas (for example, cleaning the sink carefully, but neglecting the rest of the bathroom)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

C. Sexual

Have you ever felt preoccupied with unwanted and intrusive thoughts about...

142.	your sexual identity ?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
143.	your sexual performance ?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
144.	scenes of sexual intercourse or unusual sexual activities?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
145.	the impulse to look at someone's crotch or touch other people's genitals?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

D. Religious attitudes

Have you ever felt preoccupied with unwanted and intrusive thoughts about...

146.	sins?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
147.	religious duties?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
148.	thinking, saying, or doing something inappropriate or even obscene during a religious service?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	
149.	the need to make up for a sin or mistake whether imaginary or real (for example, by denying yourself food, a moment of relaxation, or something you like)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes	

E. Existential

Have you ever felt preoccupied with unwanted and intrusive thoughts about...

150.	the future?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
151.	time passing and being unable to relive the seconds, minutes, hours?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
152.	aging and the deterioration of your body?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

Have you ever felt preoccupied with unwanted and intrusive thoughts about...

153.	the inability to start or maintain a meaningful personal relationship or friendship?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
154.	philosophical and religious matters (for example, the meaning of life, of the world, of God)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

F. Aggressive

Have you ever felt preoccupied with unwanted and intrusive thoughts about...

harming yourself (for example, cutting yourself or throwing yourself out a window, from a balcony, or under a train or bus)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
harming or killing someone (for example, when handling knives or scissors, or by causing a fire or tampering with a security device)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
dreadful and terrifying images or scenes about traumatic events (for example, accidents, catastrophes, deaths)? Note: not related to PTSD.	Do Not Know	No	Yes
insulting people?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
stealing or lying?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
having a sudden impulse to throw yourself out of a window or over a balcony or under a train or a bus?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
having a similar impulse to do these things to someone else?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
Have you ever become violent, aggressive or lost control because of your obsessions?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
Have you ever become violent, aggressive, or lost control because other people were trying to prevent you from carrying out your rituals, or because they did not do what you wanted them to do?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
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Appendix A - Impulsiveness and Lack of Control

Have you ever felt compelled to...

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164.	do physical exercise and diet?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
165.	get drunk?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
166.	stuff yourself with food?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
167.	take your medications all at once?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
168.	shout and use rude words, or generally behave in a way that is quite unlike you?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
169.	gamble?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
170.	make useless or excessive purchases?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
171.	scratch yourself to the point of breaking the skin and making yourself bleed?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
172.	bite your nails until your fingers bled?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
173.	masturbate repeatedly?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
174.	steal something?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
175.	take unnecessary risks?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
176.	play with fire until you started one?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
177.	provoke accidents?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
178.	commit sexual violence?	Do Not Know	No	Yes

Have you ever felt preoccupied with unwanted and intrusive thoughts about...

179.	physical defects (for example, on your face, genitalia, legs, breasts, buttocks) such that you felt compelled to check in the mirror, or to camouflage them (by hands, hairstyle, make-up, clothing, or cosmetic surgery)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
180.	smelling badly (for example, from perspiration)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
181.	having a severe illness (for example, AIDS, cancer)?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
182.	losing your hair and teeth?	Do Not Know	No	Yes
183.	substances which might permanently change your way of thinking or your personality?	Do Not Know	No	Yes