

Scoring Piper Fatigue Scale (PFS) Survey Results:

PFS current format and scoring instructions:

1. The PFS in its current form is composed of 22 numerically scaled, "0" to "10" items that measure four dimensions of subjective fatigue: behavioral/severity (6 items; # 2-7); affective meaning (5 items: # 8-12); sensory (5 items: # 13-17); and cognitive/mood (6 items: # 18-23). These 22 items are used to calculate the four sub-scale/dimensional scores and the total fatigue scores.
2. Five additional items (# 1 and # 24-27) are not used to calculate subscale or total fatigue scores but are recommended to be kept on the scale as these items furnish rich, qualitative data. Item # 1, in particular gives a categorical way in which to assess the duration of the respondent's fatigue.
3. To score the PFS, add the items contained on each specific subscale together and divide by the number of items on that subscale. This will give you a subscale score that remains on the same "0" to "10" numeric scale. Should you have missing item data, and the respondent has answered at least 75%-80% of the remaining items on that particular subscale, calculate the subscale mean score based on the number of items answered, and substitute that mean value for the missing item score (mean-item substitution).
4. Recalculate the subscale score. To calculate the total fatigue score, add the 22-item scores together and divide by 22 in order to keep the score on the same numeric "0" to "10" scale.¹

Severity Codes:

0	NONE
1-3	MILD
4-6	MODERATE
7-10	SEVERE

1. Piper BF, Dibble SL, Dodd MJ, Weiss MC, Slaughter RE, Paul SM. The revised Piper Fatigue Scale: psychometric evaluation in women with breast cancer. *Oncol Nurs Forum*. 1998 May;25(4):677-84.