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## Diagnostic Interview for Children and Adolescents (DICA)

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### ABSTRACT

#### Objective

To describe the evolution of the Diagnostic Interview for Children and Adolescents (DICA) as well as the goals of the instrument and the issues surrounding its use.

#### Method

Administration procedures, psychometric properties, and comparisons with other measures are reviewed.

#### Results

The DICA, once considered a structured interview, can now be used in a semistructured format. It displays good reliability and works well with younger children.

## Conclusion

The DICA is a useful measure for both research and clinical settings, and it provides a reliable tool for assessing psychiatric information in children and adolescents.



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## Key Words

Diagnostic Interview for Children and Adolescents; computerized interviewing; semistructured interview; assessing young children

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