

Algorithms/Flags Working Group  
February 2018 Meeting Summary

The working group moved forward on two goals:

1. Montgomery Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS)

Complete review of flags for the scale

Final review of flags was completed.

Strategy for presentation was established.

Flags for overall scale will be listed first, followed by flags that tap within rating inconsistencies

Discuss flag application to NEWMEDS data sets

Frequencies with which flags appear in the data set were lower than those for the previously reviewed PANSS. The most frequent flag was number of flags at a single rating with approximately half of all ratings having at least one flag and 14% having two or more

Identify key points to be included in the discussion section of planned publication.

Consider how flags can be used as training tool

Note importance of cultural issues in identification

Reliability of ratings may affect likelihood of flag identification

– e.g. reported sadness more reliable than apparent sadness

Assessments be influenced by presence of medications other than anti-depressants.

Baseline vs. later visits may show different flag patterns

2. Personal and Social Performance (PSP) Scale.

Consider this scale as the next target for the working group.

Group agreed that the PSP will be the next scale to be reviewed

The next steps for the Working Group before October meeting

1. List of flags will be circulated to all who contributed at this and prior meetings for final review.
2. Manuscript for publication will be circulated for review.
3. Agenda for October meeting will be developed around the PSP. PSP experts will be identified and invited to the meeting