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Drawings of Clocks: Illuminated in Different Settings

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Abstract

Originally published in Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books, 1995, Vol 40(6), 590. Review of "Clock Drawing: A Neuropsychological Analysis" (see record 1994-98032-000). Clock drawing can tap multiple cognitive processes and is familiar, simple, and brief. Therefore, it is widely used in assessing cerebral dysfunction. This volume concisely presents rationale for use, standards for administration, and a reasonable scoring system for assessing clock drawings. Following an introductory review of possible underlying neurocognitive mechanisms and current patterns of clinical use, the authors present a scoring system involving both composite and critical item (component) scores under a variety of drawing conditions. In this article, I summarize this book and discusses its strengths and weaknesses. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2006 APA, all rights reserved)

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