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The Evidence-based Practice Attitude Scale-36 (EBPAS-36): a brief and pragmatic measure of attitudes to evidence-based practice validated in US and Norwegian samples



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Background

- Most evidence-based interventions never become implemented
- Increase knowledge about what makes implementation successful
- Use of instruments that cover a broad area of factors that facilitate or hinder implementation

Background

- The Evidence-based Practice Attitude Scale (EBPAS) was developed from theories of dissemination and implementation in mental health
- The original EBPAS consisted of 15 items, is highlighted as psychometrically strong by the SIRC Instrument Review Project

Background

- More recent work has expanded the purview of attitudes and resulted in the development of eight additional domains dispersed across 35 new items(EBPAS-50)

Aims of the present study

Shorten the original EBPAS-50 but maintain the original 12 subscales

Methods

- US: procedure
- Norway: procedure
- Norwegian translation procedure
- Measures/assessment: US: demographic characteristics/ Norway: demographic characteristics
- Statistical analyses:
 - Confirmatory factor analyses (CFA) for item reduction evaluations

Results

- Samples
- Acceptability
- Item reduction:
 - Content overlap
 - Low content validity
 - Low factor loading
 - Too generally
- Subscale score correlations
- Confirmatory factor analyses
- Internal consistency

Discussion

- The EBPAS-36 contains only three items per factor