

Overview

The Autism Spectrum Rating Scales™ (ASRS™) are designed to measure behaviors associated with the Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) for children and youth aged 2 through 18 years, as reported by parents and/or teachers or childcare providers.¹ As recognition and prevalence of the ASDs increase, risk of over- and under-diagnosis increase in parallel. The need for a valid, reliable, and carefully crafted tool for assessment becomes paramount; the ASRS was developed to meet this need. The ASRS can help guide diagnostic decisions and can be used during treatment planning, ongoing monitoring of response to intervention, and program evaluation.

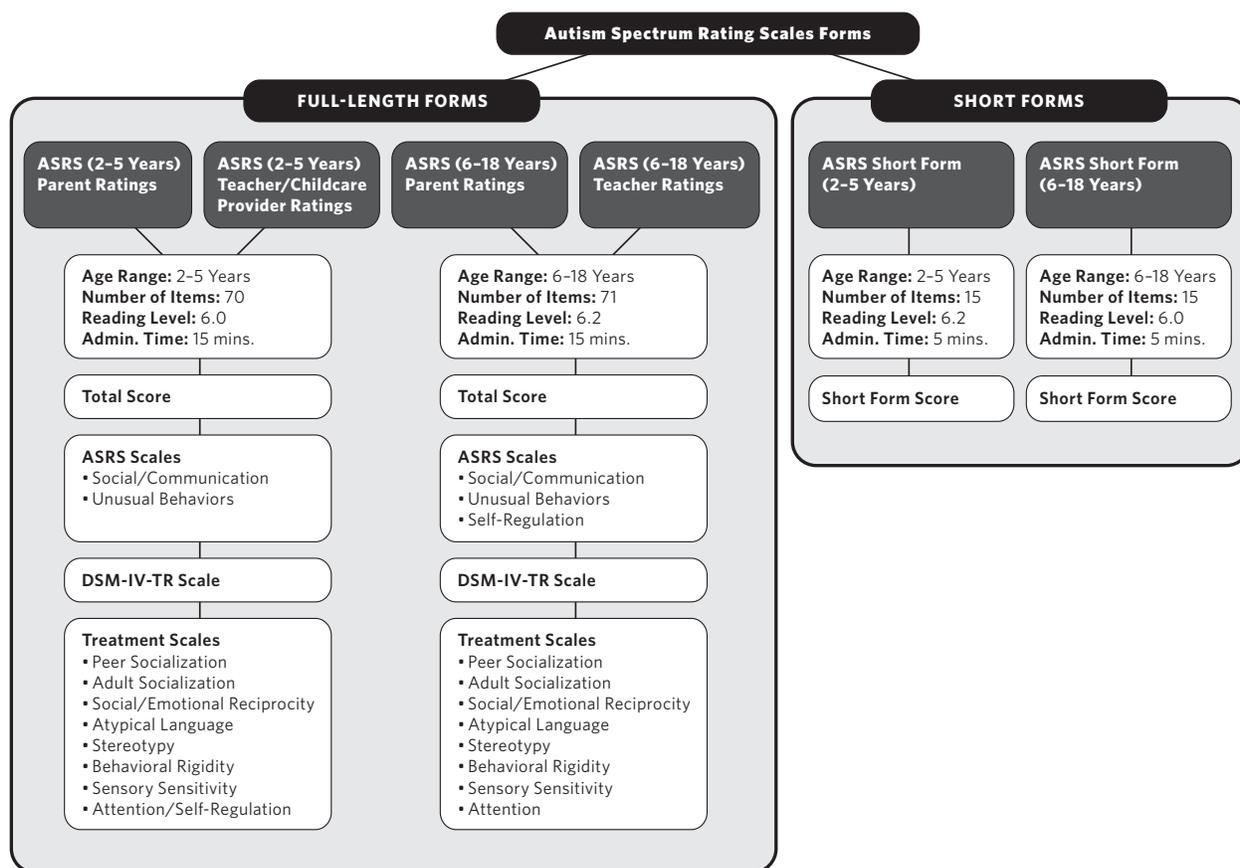
ASRS Components and Scale Structure

As illustrated in Figure 1, the ASRS has full-length and short forms for young children aged 2 to 5 years, and for older children and adolescents aged 6 to 18 years.

The Full-Length ASRS Form: The full-length ASRS (2–5 Years) comprises 70 items, and the full-length ASRS (6–18 Years) consists of 71 items. There are separate parent (ASRS Parent Ratings) and teacher (ASRS Teacher Ratings) rating forms for each age group. This form is the most comprehensive and offers the most complete assessment information, including the Total Score, the ASRS Scales, the DSM-IV-TR Scale, and the Treatment Scales. The full-length form is recommended for use in initial evaluations and full re-evaluations.

The ASRS Short Form: The ASRS Short Form was developed by selecting items that best differentiated nonclinical youth from youth diagnosed with an ASD. The ASRS Short Form (2–5 Years) and ASRS Short Form (6–18 Years) both contain 15 items, and parents and teachers complete the same form. This form provides one Short Form total score, and can be used as a screener to determine which youth are most likely to require additional evaluation or services for an ASD and related issues. The Short Form may be most suitable for monitoring treatment/intervention.

Figure 1. Overview of the ASRS Forms



Note. Reading Level determined by the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level.

¹ For the ASRS (2–5 Years) both teachers and/or childcare providers can complete the form. For ease of presentation, this group of raters is referred to as “teacher” herein.