

## **Development and Validation of a Measure of Adolescent Dissociation: The Adolescent Dissociative Experiences Scale**

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This study describes the initial reliability and validity data on the Adolescent Dissociative Experiences Scale (A-DES), a screening measure for pathological dissociation during adolescence. The A-DES showed good scale and subscale reliability, and, as hypothesized, increased scores were associated with reported trauma in a patient population. A-DES scores were able to distinguish dissociative disordered adolescents from a normal sample and from a patient sample with a variety of diagnoses.

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