

Scoring the *Spiritual Values Inventory* (SVI-15)

Scoring the *Spiritual Values Inventory* is a simple, three-step process:

1. Write the person's response for each statement in the space provided.
2. Reverse the score for items followed by "(R)." In order to do this, subtract the person's response for these statements from 6 in order to derive their corrected score. For example, if the person's response was "5," then $6 - 5 = 1$, which is the "true" score. Write the corrected scores by each of the individual's responses.
3. Total all the scores—reversed and non-reversed alike. This final score will be somewhere between 15 and 75.

In general, the higher an individual's score, the more likely it is that this person has identifiable core religious values, and that these values are serving an integrating and growth-producing function in his or her life. To use a different image, the higher the score, the more likely it is that this person's life is anchored in Hope. Conversely, the lower the score, the more likely it is that this person lacks positive guiding values, and that his or her life is characterized by anxiety and despair. You may wish to engage respondents in conversation about their responses. Such conversation is often useful in assisting persons in talking about the anchoring values—or the lack of such—in their lives.

As clinical trials proceed, and as the database of responses grows, we will develop a clearer picture of the cutting score below which a person may be validly considered to be in crisis. Research thus far indicates that the cutting score is likely to be near 50.

I will be very grateful if you will mail photocopies of your completed inventories to me at the address below. You may wish to make brief notes on the inventories to fill out the clinical picture for the database. **Thanks for your help!**

| Subscale | Items in Scale | Score |
|--------------|--------------------|-------|
| Vocation | 3 _____ | |
| | 5 _____ | |
| | 7 _____ | |
| | 11 _____ | |
| | 15 _____ | |
| Dysphoria | 2 _____ (R) _____ | |
| | 4 _____ (R) _____ | |
| | 8 _____ (R) _____ | |
| | 12 _____ (R) _____ | |
| Community | 1 _____ | |
| | 10 _____ (R) _____ | |
| | 14 _____ (R) _____ | |
| Hope | 6 _____ (R) _____ | |
| | 9 _____ | |
| | 13 _____ | |
| Total Score: | 15-75 | |

Client's Name: _____

Date: _____