

+K-corrections and Primes

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If all eight primary clinical scales, not including 5 and 0, are at 69 or below (original) or at 64 or below (-2), the profile is considered unprimed.

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David Clark wrote: What does "unprimed" mean?

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For those of you who may not recall ...

The K-correction was to be added ONLY for those profiles that were unprimed for persons who were showing clear signs of serious mental illness.

However, when the inventory was marketed, the K-correction was added automatically, and from then on, all profiles were K-corrected, even when they did not need to be.

When K is very low, the K-corrected profile will often be LESS elevated than the non-K-corrected profile.

All scales were originally truncated at a T-score of 80. These scales are not interval level measurement; they are not even ordinal level. The primed versus not primed is a nominal scale indicator of serious mental illness.

Oh! How we have diverged from the original!

(The references are the MMPI Handbook and personal communications from The late George Welsh and the late Grant Dahlstrom.)

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