

Examinee Suitability

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Suitable

This examinee was determined to be suitable for the polygraph technique.

Marginal – Medical/Psychological

- This examinee was determined to be marginally suitable for the polygraph technique, due to his reported use of multiple medications to manage the potentially overwhelming effects of
 - his reported mental health difficulties on day to day functioning.
 - his reported medical health difficulties on day to day functioning.
 - his reported medical and mental health difficulties on day to day functioning.

Science

There is no theoretical rationale or published research suggesting that prescription medications would result in erroneous polygraph examination results. Instead, clinical commonsense suggests that persons who function optimally while taking prescription medications may produce polygraph examination data of optimal interpretable quality while taking medications as directed by a doctor. There is no way to predict the exact effects of medications for any individual. Medication effects will vary with the types and numbers of medication, dosages, length of time on medications, and individual physiology.

Ethics

Ethical empirical practices dictate the application of normative data to exceptional individuals (i.e., persons whose functional characteristics are outside the normal distribution of individuals in the intended sample or population) should always be regarded with caution. These tests results are therefore qualified.

Developmental

- This examinee was determined to be marginally suitable for the polygraph technique, due to his reported developmental and intellectual difficulties. Polygraph test accuracy is known to be reduced for persons whose intellectual functioning is at or below the lower limit of the normal range.

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