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| **Domain:** | Social Environments |
| **Measure:** | Family Conflict |
| **Definition:** | This measure is a questionnaire to assess the level of conflict in families and in intimate relationships. |
| **Purpose:** | This measure is used to evaluate conflict and strategies to deal with conflict within parent-child and intimate relationships. |
| **Essential PhenX Measures:** | Current Age Household Roster-Relationships Current Marital Status |
| **Related PhenX Measures:** | Childhood Maltreatment Family Control and Organization Family Interpersonal Relationships |
| **Collections:** |  |
| **Keywords:** | Social Environments, family, family violence, Conflict Tactics Scales, conflict tactics, conflict, violence, relationships, nonviolent discipline, physical assault, neglect, psychological aggression, weekly discipline, sexual abuse, negotiation, injury, psychological aggression, sexual coercion, proprietary |

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| **Protocol Release Date:** | October 8, 2010 |
| **PhenX Protocol Name:** | Family Conflict - Intimate-Relationship |
| **Protocol Name from Source:** | This section will be completed when reviewed by an Expert Review Panel. |
| **Description:** | The Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS 2) is a 78-item, self-administered questionnaire that assesses both positive and negative behaviors used in response to conflict between romantic partners in the past year. |
| **Specific Instructions:** | The Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS 2) is a proprietary instrument, and administration requires a licensing agreement from Western Psychological Services. Romantic partners are defined as any two adult individuals engaged in an intimate relationship, including both married and unmarried partners and both same-sex and opposite-sex partners. |
| **Protocol:** | **Summary of the Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS 2)**  The Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS 2) includes 78 items; one-half of the items refer to the respondent's behavior, and the other half refers to the partner's behavior. The protocol uses an eight-point response scale with which the respondent indicates how often each behavior has occurred. The set of responses then yields "Self" and "Partner" scores for:  - Negotiation - Physical assault - Injury - Psychological aggression - Sexual coercion  Example  Positive items from the Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS 2) include demonstrating care during disagreements, showing respect for a partner's point of view, and compromising on disagreements. Negative items include pushing and shoving during disagreements, using hurtful names and terms, and making threats with a knife or gun. Responses capture the number of times (such as never, once, twice, etc.) specific conflict tactics occurred during the past year.  **Scoring Instructions**  For each item, the respondent indicates the number of times the event has occurred in the past year. The responses are summed for all questions with higher scores indicating more psychological and physical abuse.  *Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS 2)* Copyright © 2003 by Western Psychological Services. All rights reserved. |
| **Selection Rationale:** | The Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS 2) was selected because it is a widely used, validated protocol with demonstrated validity and reliability. The scale's scores are associated with relevant outcomes. |
| **Source:** | Straus, M. A., Hamby, S. L., Boney-McCoy, S., Sugarman, D. B., Finkelhor, D., Moore, D. W., & Runyan, D. K. (2003.). *Conflict Tactics Scales.* Los Angeles, CA: Western Psychological Services.  The *Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS 2)* are proprietary instruments and can be obtained through:  Western Psychological Services 12031 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90025-1251 Telephone: 800.648.8857 E-mail: research@wpspublish.com |
| **Life Stage:** | Adult |
| **Language of source:** | English |
| **Participant:** | Adults, aged 18 years and older |
| **Personnel and Training Required:** | None |
| **Equipment Needs:** | The respondent will need a copy of the Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS 2) and a pen or pencil to record their answers. |
| **Standards:** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Standard** | **Name** | **ID** | **Source** | | Common Data Element (CDE) | Social Environment Conflicts Tactics Scale 2 Scale | 3144962 | [CDE Browser](https://cdebrowser.nci.nih.gov/CDEBrowser/search?elementDetails=9&FirstTimer=0&PageId=ElementDetailsGroup&publicId=3144962&version=1.0) | | Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC) | Fam conflict intimate-relat proto | 63017-8 | [LOINC](http://s.details.loinc.org/LOINC/63017-8.html?sections=Web) | |
| **General references:** | Straus, M. (1979). Measuring intrafamily conflict and violence: The Conflict Tactics (CT) Scales. *Journal of Marriage and the Family, 41,* 75–88.  Straus, M. A. (2007). Conflict Tactics Scales. In N. A. Jackson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of domestic violence* (pp. 190–197). New York: Routledge.  Straus, M., & Hamby, S. L. (1997). Measuring physical and psychological maltreatment of children with the Conflict Tactics Scales. In G. Kaufman Kantor & J.L. Jasinsky (Eds.), *Out of the darkness: Contemporary research perspectives on family violence* (pp. 119–135).Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. |
| **Mode of Administration:** | Self-administered questionnaire |
| **Derived Variables:** | None |
| **Requirements:** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Requirement Category** | **Required** | | Major equipment | No | | Specialized training | No | | Specialized requirements for biospecimen collection | No | | Average time of greater than 15 minutes in an unaffected individual | No | |
| **Process and Review:** | This section will be completed when reviewed by an Expert Review Panel. |