

## INFANT CHARACTERISTICS QUESTIONNAIRE – RETROSPECTIVE FORM

These are questions about the time when your child was 6-12 months old. Please take a moment to think back to this age. Your child probably was beginning to crawl or even walk then and may even have started using words. Your child may have changed quite a bit since that time, so it will be important for you to try to get a picture in your mind of what things were like back then.

On the following questions, please circle the number that describes what your child was like most of the time from 6 to 12 months. "About average" means how you think most babies would be scored.

1. How many times a day, usually, did your baby get fussy and irritable or upset? These fussy times could be either short or long.

|       |                      |                      |                      |                      |                        |                 |
|-------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1     | 2                    | 3                    | 4                    | 5                    | 6                      | 7               |
| never | 1-2 times<br>per day | 3-4 times<br>per day | 5-6 times<br>per day | 7-9 times<br>per day | 10-14 times<br>per day | more<br>than 15 |

2. Compared to other babies, how much did your baby usually cry and fuss?

|  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1  | 2 | 3 | 4   | 5 | 6 | 7                                       |
| very little--<br>much less than<br>most babies |   |   | average amount--<br>about as much as<br>most babies |   |   | a lot—<br>much more than<br>most babies |

3. How did your baby usually act when you gave him/her a new food?

|                              |   |   |  |   |   |                                     |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1                            | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7                                   |
| always<br>liked<br>new foods |   |   | liked new foods<br>about half the time,<br>or didn't show like<br>or dislike |   |   | almost always<br>disliked new foods |

4. How did your baby act when meeting a new person?

|                             |   |   |  |   |   |  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1                           | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7  |
| always seemed<br>to like it |   |   | seemed to like it<br>about half the time,<br>or didn't show like<br>or dislike |   |   | always disliked<br>it—got<br>scared or upset |

5. How did your baby act when he/she was in a new place?

|                             |   |   |  |   |   |  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1                           | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7  |
| always seemed<br>to like it |   |   | seemed to like it<br>about half the time,<br>or didn't show like<br>or dislike |   |   | always disliked<br>it—got<br>scared or upset |

6. How well did your baby adjust to new experiences (like food, people, or places) after awhile?

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

very well,  
always liked it

ended up liking it  
about half the time

almost always  
disliked it in  
the end

7. How easily did your baby get upset?

1  
did not get upset  
--even by  
things that upset  
most babies

2

3

4  
about average--  
like most babies

5

6

7  
very easily upset  
by things that  
would not bother  
most babies

8. When your baby got upset, how strongly or loudly did he/she cry and fuss?

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

very mild inten-  
sity or loudness;  
quietly

medium intensity  
or loudness

very loud or  
intense, really  
cut loose

9. How changeable was your baby's mood, compared to most babies? How often did your baby's mood change?

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

very little--  
much less than  
most babies

average amount--  
same as most  
most babies

a lot--much  
more than  
most babies

10. Besides caregiving (feeding, diaper changes, etc.), for the most part, how much attention did your baby need?

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

very little--  
much less than  
most babies

average amount--  
same as most  
most babies

a lot--much  
more than  
most babies

11. When left alone, how often did your baby play well by himself/herself?

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

almost always

about half the time

almost never--  
would not play  
by self

12. When you told your baby to leave something alone, did he/she keep it up or not?

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

rarely or hardly  
ever kept it up  
(always stopped  
touching object)

sometimes kept it up;  
sometimes did not

almost always  
kept it up  
(always kept on  
touching object)

13. Did your baby keep going some place even when you said something like “stop,” “come here,” or “no-no?”

|                                  |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 1                                | 2 | 3 | 4   | 5 | 6 | 7                           |
| rarely or<br>never kept<br>going |   |   | sometimes kept going<br>and sometimes did not |   |   | almost always<br>kept going |

14. If you moved your baby away from something he/she was interested in but should not be getting into, how often did your baby get upset?

|                    |   |   |  |   |   |                          |
|--------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------------|
| 1                  | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7                        |
| never<br>got upset |   |   | sometimes got upset<br>and sometimes did not |   |   | always got<br>very upset |

15. How hard did your baby try to get your attention when you were busy?

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1                                       | 2 | 3 | 4   | 5 | 6 | 7   |
| didn't try<br>after you<br>ignored once |   |   | would try, but would<br>only keep at it a<br>little bit |   |   | tried real hard—<br>would do anything<br>to get attention |

16. Overall, how difficult would your baby have been for most mothers?

|            |   |   |                             |   |   |                                  |
|------------|---|---|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1          | 2 | 3 | 4                           | 5 | 6 | 7                                |
| super easy |   |   | ordinary--<br>some problems |   |   | highly difficult<br>to deal with |

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