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Medical Symptom Validity Test (MVST)**

<b>Availability:</b>	Please visit this website for more information about the instrument:  <a href="#">Green's Publishing: Medical Symptom Validity Test</a>
<b>Classification:</b>	Supplemental for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
<b>Short Description of Instrument:</b>	The Medical Symptom Validity Test (MVST) is a shorter version of the Word Memory Test, in which patients are presented with 10 semantically-related word pairs. Four conditions are tested: Immediate Recognition, Delayed Recognition, Paired Associate, and Free Recall.  Can be used in adults and children, although not appropriate for individuals who have less than a 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade reading level.
<b>Psychometric Properties:</b>	Validity measures are sensitive to inadequate effort and quite insensitive to individual ability-based differences. Profile analysis can further differentiate true impairment from effort-related problems. Appears resistant to coaching.
<b>Scoring:</b>	Raw scores and percent of answers correct scored per subtest.
<b>References:</b>	Armistead-Jehle P. (2009). Symptom validity test performance in U.S. veterans referred for evaluation of mild TBI. <i>Applied Neuropsychology</i> , 17, 52-59.  Green, P. (2003, revised 2005) <i>Medical Symptom Validity Test for Windows: User's manual and program</i> , Green's Publishing, Edmonton.  Kirkwood, M.W. & Kirk, J.W. (2010). The base rate of suboptimal effort in a pediatric mild TBI sample: Performance on the Medical Symptom Validity Test. <i>The Clinical Neuropsychologist</i> , 24, 860-872.