### Table 4. Clinical Domains of Assessment in PTSD Evaluation

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<th>Clinical Domain</th>
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<tr>
<td>Trauma history</td>
<td>Type, age, and duration</td>
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<td>Safety</td>
<td>Threat of harm from others and dangerousness to self or others</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dissociative symptoms</td>
<td>Necessary for diagnosis of ASD: numbing, detachment, derealization/depersonalization, dissociative in acute response to trauma</td>
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<td>ASD/PTSD symptoms</td>
<td>Re-experiencing, avoidance and numbing, hyperarousal as a consequence of trauma (PTSD is diagnosed if symptom onset is &gt;30 days after the traumatic event; if &lt;30 days, and if dissociative symptoms are present, ASD is diagnosed)</td>
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<td>Military history</td>
<td>Prior exposure(s), training and preparedness for exposure</td>
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<td>Behavioral and health risks</td>
<td>Substance use/abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, preexisting mental illness, nonadherence to treatment, impulsivity, and potential for further exposure to violence</td>
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<tr>
<td>Personal characteristics</td>
<td>Coping skills, resilience, interpersonal relatedness/attachments, history of developmental trauma or psychodynamic conflict(s), motivation for treatment</td>
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<td>Psychosocial situation</td>
<td>Home environment, social support, employment status, ongoing violence (e.g. interpersonal, disaster/war), parenting/caregiver skills or burdens</td>
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<td>Stressors</td>
<td>Acute and/or chronic trauma, poverty, loss, bereavement</td>
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<td>Legal system involvement</td>
<td>Meaning of symptoms, compensation based on disability determination or degree of distress</td>
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1. American Psychiatric Association Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Patients with Acute Stress Disorder and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. 2004

2. Connor and Butterfield, 2003
### Table 5. Clinical Global Impression of Improvement Scale (CGI-I)\(^1\)

(Care provider rates total improvement, whether or not, in your judgment, it is due entirely to drug treatment). Compared to the patient’s condition at the end of the baseline, how much has the patient changed?

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<td>1</td>
<td>Very much improved</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Much improved</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Minimally improved</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Minimally worse</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Much worse</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Very much worse</td>
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\(^1\) Guy, 1976
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### PTSD Algorithm Abbreviations/Acronyms

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<td>CAPS</td>
<td>Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale</td>
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<td>CBT</td>
<td>cognitive behavioral therapy</td>
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<td>CGI-I</td>
<td>Clinical Global Impression of Improvement Scale</td>
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<td>CIDI</td>
<td>Composite International Diagnostic Interview</td>
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<td>CPAP</td>
<td>continuous positive airway pressure</td>
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<td>DSM-IV</td>
<td>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders, 4th edition</td>
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<td>ECT</td>
<td>electroconvulsive therapy</td>
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<td>EMDR</td>
<td>eye movement desensitization and reprocessing</td>
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<td>HIV</td>
<td>human immunodeficiency virus</td>
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<td>HTQ</td>
<td>Harvard Trauma Questionnaire</td>
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<td>ICD-10</td>
<td>International Classification for Disease, 10th edition</td>
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<td>ISTSS</td>
<td>International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies</td>
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<td>LDL</td>
<td>low-density lipoprotein</td>
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<td>LOE</td>
<td>levels of evidence</td>
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<td>MAOI</td>
<td>monoamine oxidase inhibitor</td>
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<td>NaSSA</td>
<td>norepinephrine and specific serotonergic antidepressant</td>
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<td>NCS</td>
<td>National Comorbidity Survey</td>
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<td>NICE</td>
<td>National Center of Clinical Excellence</td>
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<td>OCD</td>
<td>obsessive-compulsive disorder</td>
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<td>OSA</td>
<td>obstructive sleep apnea</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>prolonged exposure</td>
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<td>PTSD</td>
<td>posttraumatic stress disorder</td>
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<td>rTMS</td>
<td>repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation</td>
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<td>SNRI</td>
<td>serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor</td>
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<td>SSRI</td>
<td>selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor</td>
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<td>TCA</td>
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