

## Validation of a Greek version of the Trust in Physician Scale

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### ABSTRACT

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**Introduction:** A sick person who trusts his or her physician feels safer and more easily complies with the physician's recommendations.

**Purpose:** To validate to validate a Greek-language version of the Trust in Physician Scale (TPS) for Greek patients.

**Materials and Methods:** The validation of a Greek-language version of the TPS was performed with a group of 251 patients at Kavala Hospital in Kavala, Greece. Validation consisted of the translation and evaluation of the psychometric properties of the Greek TPS and its application among Greek-speaking patients.

**Results:** The internal consistency of the Greek TPS was high (Cronbach's alpha = 0.895). The highest

mean scores were for the items "I trust my doctor very much, and I always try to follow his or her advice" ( $M = 3.63 \pm 0.91$ ), "If my doctor tells me that something is true, then it must be true" ( $M = 3.55 \pm 0.89$ ), "I trust my doctor's judgment of my medical care" ( $M = 3.44 \pm 0.86$ ), and "My doctor is usually considerate of my needs and puts them first" ( $M = 3.41 \pm 0.88$ ).

**Conclusions:** The Greek-language version of The Trust in Physician Scale fulfills all of the criteria of psychometric and functional validation with the original scale.

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