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This test seeks to measure the construct of Locus of Control in relation to health attitudes.

**Test constructs.** This construct is bi-dimensional: external, or powerful other/chance, and internal.

**Rotter's theory of locus of control.** This instrument was developed using previous research performed on the concept of Locus of Control (LoC), which was developed by Julian Rotter in 1966.

**Direct quote concerning Rotter's theory of locus of control.** The construct was defined as:

The degree to which people’s expectations that the outcome of their behavior is dependent upon their own behavior or personal traits versus the degree of the person’s expectation that outcomes are a function of chance, luck or fate, is under the control of others, or is unpredictable [Rotter, 1989, p. 21].

The test constructors used this interpretation of the Locus of Control construct, adapted to focus on health instead of general attitudes, and questions were modeled after the Levenson Multidimensional Locus of Control Scales, Rotter's Internal-External Control Scale, and Wallston Multidimensional Health Locus of Control Scale (Levenson, 1974; Rotter, 1966; Wallston, Wallston, & DeVellis, 1978) sentence patterns and word choice. However, as most of these tests were designed for adults, and were dated at times in terms of word choice, the test constructors had to construct most of the test items from the bottom up with a focus on wording that would be clear, and appeal, to undergraduate college students.
References


