The Abdominal Pain Beliefs Questionnaire is a 32-item measure assessing characteristic appraisals of pediatric abdominal pain severity (primary coping appraisals) and characteristic appraisals of ability to cope with pediatric abdominal pain (secondary coping appraisals). The questionnaire is available for both child and parent report. Respondents use a 0 (not at all true) to 4 (always true) rating scale.

**Primary Coping Appraisals:**

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<td>*Condition-duration (CD)</td>
<td>2, 8, 15, 32 (Reverse code: 32)</td>
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<td>*Condition–frequency (CF)</td>
<td>5, 12, 22, 30 (Reverse code: 22)</td>
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<td>*Condition- Seriousness (CS)</td>
<td>1, 10, 16, 24 (Reverse code: 10 &amp; 24)</td>
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<td>*Episode–duration (ED)</td>
<td>4, 17, 20, 26 (Reverse code: 17 &amp; 26)</td>
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<td>*Episode–intensity (EI)</td>
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**Secondary Coping Appraisals:**

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<td>Problem-focused coping potential (PFCP)</td>
<td>3, 11, 19, 21, 27, 31 (Reverse code: 21, 27, &amp; 31)</td>
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<td>Emotion focused coping potential (EFCP)</td>
<td>6, 9, 14, 23, 25, 29 (Reverse code: 6, 14, 25, &amp; 29)</td>
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*Pending more empirical support, these scales may be analyzed independently, but presently are only considered when averaged to create the composite score for Primary Coping Appraisals (see scoring on following page).

**Citations:**


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**Example SPSS scoring syntax:**

***Step 1: RECODING OF APBQ reverse scored items.***

RECODE APBQ6 (0=4) (1=3) (2=2) (3=1) (4=0) (9=9) INTO RAPBQ6.
RECODE APBQ10 (0=4) (1=3) (2=2) (3=1) (4=0) (9=9) INTO RAPBQ10.
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RECODE APBQ29 (0=4) (1=3) (2=2) (3=1) (4=0) (9=9) INTO RAPBQ29.
RECODE APBQ31 (0=4) (1=3) (2=2) (3=1) (4=0) (9=9) INTO RAPBQ31.
RECODE APBQ32 (0=4) (1=3) (2=2) (3=1) (4=0) (9=9) INTO RAPBQ32.

***Step 2: PAIN BELIEF COPING APPRAISALS MEAN SCORES***

*(PRIME = primary coping appraisals, PFCP = problem-focused coping appraisal, EFCP = emotion focused coping appraisal).*

COMPUTE PRIME = mean (APBQ1, APBQ2, APBQ4, APBQ5, APBQ7, APBQ8, RAPBQ10, APBQ12, RAPBQ13, APBQ15, APBQ16, RAPBQ17, APBQ18, APBQ20, RAPBQ22, RAPBQ24, RAPBQ26, APBQ28, APBQ30, RAPBQ32).

COMPUTE PFCP= mean (APBQ3, APBQ11, APBQ19, RAPBQ21, RAPBQ27, RAPBQ31).

COMPUTE EFCP= mean (RAPBQ6, APBQ9, RAPBQ14, APBQ23, RAPBQ25, RAPBQ29).