Instructions for Scoring the Parent PSC: Item scores are summed and the total score is recorded into a dichotomous variable indicating psychosocial impairment. For children ages 6 through 16, the cut-off score is 28 or higher. For 4- and 5-year-old children, the PSC cut-off is 24 or higher. Items that are left blank are simply ignored (score = 0). If four or more items are left blank, the questionnaire is considered invalid. A score higher than the cut-off suggests the need for further evaluation.

Instructions for Scoring the Youth PSC: The youth self-report can be administered to adolescents 11 years of age and older. Item scores are summed and the total score is recorded into a dichotomous variable indicating psychosocial impairment. The cut-off score for the Y-PSC is 30 or higher. Items that are left blank are simply ignored (score = 0). If four or more items are left blank, the questionnaire is considered invalid. A score higher than the cut-off suggests the need for further evaluation.

Figure 28.3 The Pediatric Symptom Checklist: Scoring.