Enhancing Primary Care: Screening for Depression & Substance Misuse
Train the Trainer Manual
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### Resource Material Legend

- This icon represents materials that may be used by a patient. Please review these materials with your patient, provide instructions and encourage discussion.
- This icon represents materials that may be used by a clinician to gauge a patient's condition, level of severity and allow for patient engagement.
Depression & Substance Misuse: General Information
Depression

Depression is a common health condition that affects patients’ thoughts, feelings, behavior, and physical health. However, only about half of those affected by depression receive treatment, and most of those who are treated receive treatment in primary care. Moreover, many primary care patients have untreated depression, which contributes to poorer health outcomes and inflated healthcare costs.

Although depression can present in many forms, the most salient symptoms are often sadness, irritability, loss of interest, changes in sleep and appetite, fatigue, social withdrawal, concentration difficulties, and feelings of hopelessness or guilt. These symptoms often occur episodically and cause functional impairment. Patients with a history of depressive episodes are at increased risk for experiencing future episodes of depression.

Best-practice treatment of depression usually involves both medication and behavioral interventions. Treatment with antidepressant medication should be considered for patients with: current moderate to severe symptoms of depression, previous episodes of moderate to severe depression, chronic experience of mild depressive symptoms, and mild symptoms of depression that persist following other interventions (NICE Clinical Guidance 90). Several behavioral interventions for depression have demonstrated efficacy in primary care: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Problem-Solving Therapy, and Behavioral Activation. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy aims to identify and correct distorted cognitions that underlie depressive symptoms. Problem-Solving Therapy assists patients in resolving or coping with stressful experiences through the acquisition of adaptive coping skills. Behavioral Activation assists patients in developing a plan to re-engage in activities they once found enjoyable and meaningful, based on the rationale that symptoms often improve following re-engagement in pleasurable activities.

Provider Action:
The Resource Materials section of this manual includes a patient handout entitled What is Depression? that provides brief overview of depression as well as a description of its symptoms and common treatment recommendations. Additionally, this section contains a list of frequently asked questions regarding antidepressant medications and a behavioral activation patient handout. This latter handout, Do What You Used to Enjoy to Help Depression, describes the rationale for behavioral activation—that deactivation, or the absence of engagement in pleasurable and meaningful activities, maintains or exacerbates depressive symptoms. Additionally, the handout guides the provider and patient through the process of identifying enjoyable and valued activities, developing a goal to act opposite his/her emotions, and a plan to engage in the identified activity despite their enduring lack of interest.
Substance Misuse

Substance misuse includes a continuum of substance use in excess of recommended patterns, ranging from at-risk consumption to severe substance use disorders. The World Health Organization defines at-risk consumption as five or more alcoholic drinks in a day for a man, four or more drinks in a day for a woman, and any illicit or prescription drug misuse in the past year. Most patients identified by screening for substance misuse will not exhibit significant substance misuse. The majority of those identified by positive screenings will exhibit at-risk patterns of consumption that negatively impact health and may progress in some patients to dependence without early detection and intervention.

Best-practice treatment for substance misuse involves selecting intervention and referral options matched to the patient’s severity of symptoms, functional impact, and motivation for sobriety and treatment engagement. Most patients will not be ready and motivated to follow a referral following initial screening and brief intervention. Referring to alcohol and drug treatment before the patient is ready is not only likely to fail, but may also make the patient less likely to return to primary care for treatment. Minimization and denial of the consequences of use are hallmarks of substance misuse. These characteristics are not flaws within the patient but rather a common symptom of the illness and target for early intervention in primary care. Some level of recognition of the problematic nature of use is a prerequisite to facilitating a successful referral. In the absence of this recognition, the most appropriate interventions include education, motivational interviewing, and monitoring in primary care.

Motivational interviewing (MI) is a style of interacting with patients that elicits intrinsic motivation for change from the patient. MI guides conversations with patients using Socratic questioning to elicit statements about the possibility and potential benefits of change. MI strives to avoid making the patient defensive using instead a collaborative style that avoids harsh criticism and rolls with resistance. The “spirit” of MI is embedded in the protocols and guidance described in this manual.

Provider Action:

Patients motivated to obtain and/or sustain sobriety will benefit from assistance identifying triggers for use and developing a relapse prevention plan. The Resource Materials section of this manual includes a Coping with Triggers to Use and Relapse Prevention Plan patient handout. The Coping with Triggers handout assists patients in identifying things they associate with substance use and developing a plan to avoid or cope with identified triggers. The Relapse Prevention Plan handout normalizes cravings to use and assists the patient in developing a plan to avoid relapse.
Fast Facts: Depression and Substance Misuse

Depression and substance misuse are common behavioral health concerns that also impact physical health status, yet they are often under-identified in primary care settings.

Untreated depression and alcohol misuse negatively impact healthcare quality and cost. Additionally, challenges in effective care coordination for these and other behavioral health conditions contribute to high hospital readmission rates and poor treatment adherence.

Most people do not go to specialty providers for treatment of behavioral health needs. In fact, of the 41 percent of people who do receive care for behavioral health needs, 56 percent of these people get this care from primary care providers.

**Depression**

- In a 12-month period, the incidence of depression in the general population is 3.2 percent. The incidence increases to 9.3 percent - 23 percent among patients with comorbid chronic medical conditions.¹
- Patients with depression are three times as likely as patients without depression to be non-adherent with medical treatment, have more severe functional impairment, and poorer overall health outcomes.²
- Depression treatment in primary care for those with chronic health considerations resulted in increased total health care cost over 24 months.⁵,⁷

**Substance Misuse**

- The incidence of high-risk patterns of drinking in a primary care population is 24 percent.³
- Three percent of primary care patients report regular use of illicit substances.³
- Substance use is associated with increased morbidity and mortality, increased healthcare costs, and increased ER utilization.³,⁴
- Approximately 217 million days of work are lost annually to related mental illness and substance misuse disorders (costing employers $17 billion/year).⁶

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Screening
Screening Recommendations

Depression
The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening for depression in adult patients with a grade of B for the prevention and early detection of symptoms when an infrastructure is in place to address screening results. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) encourages and covers an annual screening for depression.

Substance Misuse
The USPSTF recommends screening and brief counseling for alcohol misuse in adult patients with a grade of B. Alcohol screening followed by brief counseling intervention was the third highest priority among all preventive recommendations offered by the USPSTF. CMS encourages and covers annual screening of adult patients for substance misuse and, when screening is positive, brief counseling to reduce substance misuse.

US Preventive Service Task Force Summary of Recommendations

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Selecting Pre-Screening Tools

Screening begins with a brief pre-screen to determine if more comprehensive assessment is indicated. A positive pre-screen neither establishes a diagnosis nor necessarily indicates symptom severity, but it does suggest distress that should be further evaluated.

There are several evidence-based pre-screening tools that can be used to assess depression and substance misuse. Thus, it is possible to tailor the screening process to best meet the needs of the clinic and patient population. Below is a selection of the most commonly utilized evidenced-based pre-screening tools.

**Depression Prescreen**

**PHQ-2 (Patient Health Questionnaire-2)**

The PHQ-2 assesses frequency of depressed mood and anhedonia within the past two weeks and includes the first 2 items of the more comprehensive PHQ-9. PHQ-2 scores range from 0-6. A score of 3 or higher is generally considered positive and suggests that further screening is indicated.

- **Languages** – Wide variety, including English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin), French, German, Greek, Hindi, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Swahili.
- **Literacy level** – 8th grade reading level
- **Time to administer** – 1 minute
- **Sensitivity** – High
- **Specificity** – Moderate to High
- **Reliability** – High
Substance Misuse Prescreening Tools

Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT-C)
The AUDIT-C is a three question screener used to identify patients with alcohol misuse and uses the first three items that assess alcohol consumption from the full AUDIT. It is scored on a scale of 0-12. Scores are interpreted differently for men and women. For men, a score of four or more is considered positive, whereas a score of three or more is considered positive for women.

*Languages – English*

*Literacy level – 8th grade reading level*

*Time to administer – 1 minute*

*Sensitivity – Moderate to High*

*Specificity – High*

*Reliability – High*

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Quick Screen
The NIDA Quick Screen assesses frequency of alcohol, tobacco, prescription and illegal drug use in the past year. If the patient answers “never” for all drugs, the screening is considered negative. Any answer other than “never” indicates a positive screen and the need for additional assessment.

*Languages – English*

*Literacy level – 8th grade or below*

*Time to administer – 5 minute*

*Sensitivity – High*

*Specificity – High*

*Reliability – High*
**Selecting Screening Tools**

The majority of patients will generate negative pre-screens, indicating that no additional assessment is warranted. However, patients with a positive pre-screen need additional assessment to help guide intervention and treatment planning. There are numerous evidence-based screening tools. Included below is a non-exhaustive list of screeners commonly used in primary care. It is important to remember that a positive screen does not necessarily indicate diagnosis, but that further assessment is warranted.

**Depression Screening Tools**

**Geriatric Depression Scale (Short Form) (GDS)**

The Geriatric Depression Scale (Short Form) is a 15-question assessment of depression in patients who are elderly. The scale assesses the presence of depression-related distress in the previous week. A score greater than five is considered positive.

- **Languages** – Available in 30 languages including English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Dutch, Farsi,
- **Literacy level** – 4th grade reading level

- **Time to administer** – 5-7 minutes
- **Sensitivity** – High
- **Specificity** – High
- **Reliability** – High

**Hamilton Depression Rating Scale (HAM-D)**

The HAM-D is a 21-item assessment of depressive symptoms. A score greater than seven is positive. HAM-D scoring also categorizes symptom severity with 10-13 indicating mild symptoms, 14-17 mild to moderate, and greater than 17 moderate to severe.

- **Languages** – English, Spanish, Dutch, French,
- **Chinese**, **Turkish**, **German**, **Thai**
- **Literacy level** – 8th grade reading level

- **Time to administer** – 20-30 minutes
- **Sensitivity** – Moderate to High
- **Specificity** – High
- **Reliability** – High

**Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)**

The PHQ-9 is emerging as the standard measure of adult depression in primary care. It assesses the frequency of depressive symptoms in the prior two weeks. The first two questions of the PHQ-9 are the two questions which compose the PHQ-2. Four responses in the shaded section (see appendix) indicate a positive screen. Scores 5-14 indicate mild symptoms, 15-19 moderate, and 20 and above severe.

- **Languages** – Wide variety including English,
- **Spanish**, **Arabic**, **Mandarin**, **French**, **German**,
- **Greek**, **Hindi**, **Hebrew**, **Italian**, **Japanese**, **Russian**, **Swahili**.
- **Literacy level** – 8th grade reading level

- **Time to administer** – <5 minutes
- **Sensitivity** – High
- **Specificity** – High
- **Reliability** – High
Substance Misuse Screening Tools

Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST)
The ASSIST assesses lifetime history of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use; cravings for use, and consequences related to use in the subsequent three-month period. Scores of 11 and higher indicate the need for a brief intervention for alcohol, with all other substances having a lower threshold of 4 indicating intervention.

- **Languages** – English, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi, Thai, Shona.
- **Literacy level** – 8th grade reading level
- **Time to administer** – Average of 10 minutes; # of substances used increases admin time.

Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT)
The AUDIT is a 10 item tool for assessing alcohol consumption and related behaviors. A score of 8 or more indicates at-risk consumption, and a score of 13 or more in women and 15 or more in men indicate severe alcohol misuse.

- **Languages** – English, Spanish, French
- **Literacy level** – Interview version can be used if low literacy
- **Time to administer** – 5 minutes

CAGE-AID
The CAGE-AID is an expanded version of the CAGE screener that assesses both alcohol and drug misuse. CAGE is an acronym for key words in the four questions (Cut Down, Annoyed, Guilty, Eye-Opener) and AID indicates it is Adapted to Include Drugs. Each “yes” response earns one point. One point indicates a possible problem, whereas two points indicates probable substance misuse.

- **Languages** – English, Spanish, Chinese, Creole, Japanese
- **Literacy level** – Grade 4.9
- **Time to administer** – 1-2 minutes
Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST-10)
The DAST is a 10-item questionnaire that assesses drug use in the past 12 months. It does not assess alcohol use. Patients receive 1 point for each “yes” response (except question #3 where a “no” response earns a point). Scores of 3 and above indicate that further assessment and intervention may be warranted.

Languages – English, Spanish, Portuguese, Hebrew, Arabic, Thai
Literacy level – Can be administered by interviewer if low literacy
Time to administer – 5 minutes

Michigan Alcoholism Screening Test (MAST)
The MAST is a 25-item assessment of alcohol misuse. A score of six or more indicates at-risk or problematic alcohol consumption and that additional assessment and treatment is warranted.

Languages – English, Spanish
Literacy level –
Time to administer – 8 minutes

Tips from CHS: We embed the NIDA Quick Screen questions and treat them as red flag questions; if either of these two questions is positive, we then administer the CAGE-AID. If both are negative, we end the screening process. Use of red flag questions helps us to guide clinical decision-making in the moment.
Screening Implementation:
Embedding Screening into Existing Primary Care Workflow

It is essential that screening for depression and substance use be embedded into the existing clinic workflow. Primary care workflow is complex and fast-paced. Building screening into existing workflow improves acceptance and sustainability of the screening process, as it becomes a routine aspect of care. Many clinics find that it is helpful to view depression and substance misuse as “behavioral health vitals.” Behavioral health vitals are often measured concurrently with medical vitals by a nurse or medical assistant who is triaging and rooming the patient. Therefore, the results of screening will be known by the provider in advance of the visit.

When developing your clinic workflow, which includes routine screening of depression and substance use, it can be helpful to consider the following:

Q: Who will you screen and with what frequency?
A: Most clinics that embed routine depression and substance use screenings into their clinic workflow recommend routinely screening all new patients and re-screening established patients annually.

Q: What screeners will you use?
A: Consistent with the information presented above, most clinics choose to utilize psychometrically-sound, easy-to-administer, and quick screeners that are easily understandable by patients with a wide range of literacy levels.

Q: Who will administer the screeners?
A: If screeners are embedded into the clinic workflow, it may be helpful to consider having nurses or medical assistants incorporate them into their vitals and triage flow so that it becomes a regular component of patients’ primary care visits.

Tips from CHS: Our medical assistants and/or nurses administer our behavioral health vitals in conjunction with physical health vitals. As a result, our patients have grown accustomed to having their behavioral health needs addressed as a routine component of their care. This reduces stigma and helps with early identification and prevention efforts.
Depression Screening Workflow for nurse/medical assistant

New pt or established pt screened >1 year ago

Verbally administer prescreen during triage

Positive prescreen

Administer screener, document in chart, alert provider to intervention zone

Negative prescreen

No further action

Established pt screened <1 year ago

Only administer screener if concerned about possible depression

Positive prescreen

Administer screener, document in chart, alert provider to intervention zone

Negative prescreen

No further action
Substance Misuse Screening Workflow
for nurse/medical assistant

New pt or established pt screened >1 year ago

Established pt screened <1 year ago

Administer Prescreen

Positive prescreen

Negative prescreen No further action

Administer screener, document in chart, alert provider to intervention zone

Only administer prescreen if concerned about substance abuse
Triage
Screening Administration & Triage Guidance

Step 1: Introduce and Administer Prescreens

Say: “May I ask you a few questions to help us care for you better? We routinely ask these questions to all patients seen in our clinic.”

Screen: Administer depression & substance misuse prescreen

Triage: Was either prescreen positive?

Yes ➔ Continue to Step 2

No ➔ Screening complete. Inform provider of negative prescreening results

Step 2: Introduce and Administer Screeners

Say: “Thank you for your honesty. May I ask you a few more questions to help us help you?”

Screen: Administer screener for each positive prescreen.

Triage: Was either screener positive?

Yes ➔ Depression Screen Positive:

Ask: “Are you currently having thoughts about ending your own life or suicide?”

Yes ➔ Screening complete. Inform provider of intervention Zone Red result.

No ➔ Go to Step 3.

Substance Misuse Screen Positive:

Ask: “Are you currently trying to stop using alcohol or nerve pills?”

Yes ➔ Screening complete. Inform provider of intervention Zone Red result.

No ➔ Go to Step 3.

No ➔ Reinforce healthy behavior. Inform provider of negative screening results.

Step 3: Triage & Care Coordination

1. Determine the intervention zone corresponding with patient’s screening results: Green (at-risk) or Yellow (positive).

Inform provider of zone.
Intervention
Clinical Decision Making Considerations

Once a patient has completed screeners and scores have been triaged into intervention zones, the primary care provider can plan clinically indicated intervention and follow up care using the following clinical decision making tool. These “TERMS” can be applied to most/all clinical scenarios to provide guidance for triage and intervention based on screening outcomes, patient need, and patient engagement.

- **T**ask demand (clinic flow, available clinic resources, type of visit, etc.)
- **E**ngaging the patient
- **R**eferral Resources
- **M**oving patient towards motivation for change
- **S**everity of symptoms
Provider Guide to Brief Intervention Following Positive Screening: Zones Green and Yellow

Step 1: Offer Feedback

Provide Feedback: Ask the patient’s permission to talk about his or her screening results. If possible, connect the results to patient’s current health problem(s) or risk posed to future health status.

Ask: “Have you ever thought about getting treatment for depression/substance use?”

Yes ➞ Continue to Step 2
No ➞ Proceed to Step 3

Step 2: Assess Motivation

Ask: “On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the most, how interested are you in working with me to improve your depression/substance misuse today?”

Score of:

- 7-10 ➞ Proceed to Brief Interventions for Depression and/or Brief Interventions for Substance Misuse Guidance.
- 1-6 ➞ Continue to Step 3.

Step 3: Enhance Motivation

Ask: “If, hypothetically, you decided to partner with me to improve your depression/substance misuse, what might be the potential benefits.”

Listen for statements about motivation to change.

Yes ➞ Proceed to Brief Interventions for Depression and/or Brief Interventions for Substance Misuse Guidance.
No ➞ Express willingness to help in the future, offer a handout, and reassess patient’s symptoms and motivation at next appointment.
**Zone Green Intervention: Ask-Risk Use**

- **Educate** patient about low-risk consumption limits and the health benefits associated with reducing intake.
- **Engage in collaborative goal setting** to reduce use. Problem-solve barriers to reduction.
- **Monitor** in primary care.

Suggested patient handouts:

*Did You Know? Fast Facts about Substance Misuse*

*Triggers*

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**Zone Yellow Intervention: Positive Screen**

- **Educate** patient about substance misuse and the benefits of reducing substance intake.
- **Engage in collaborative goal setting** to reduce/cease use.
  - **Consider problem-solving barriers** to cessation using *Triggers* handout.
  - **Consider developing relapse prevention plan** using *Relapse Prevention Plan* handout.
- **Offer referral** to alcohol and drug treatment.
- **Monitor closely** in primary care.

Suggested patient handouts:

*Did You Know? Fast Facts about Substance Misuse*

*Triggers*

*Relapse Prevention Plan*

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**Zone Red Intervention: Crisis Due to Acute Withdrawal Risk** *(see pg 24)*

- **Educate** patient about the potentially life-threatening risk of withdrawal associated with abrupt discontinuation of alcohol, benzodiazepines, and barbituates.
- **Offer referral** to detox. If withdrawal symptoms are present and detox is not immediately accessible, consider referral to the ER.
- **Recommend** engagement in alcohol and drug treatment following detox. Educate patient that detox is not treatment, but a way to stop using that is medically safe.
- **Monitor closely** in primary care.
**Zone Green Intervention: Ask-Risk For Depression**

- Educate patient about the benefits of healthy lifestyle choices, including exercise.
- Monitor in primary care.

Suggested patient handouts:
  - *Did You Know? Fast Facts about Depression*

**Zone Yellow Intervention: Positive Screen**

- Educate patient about best-practice treatment for depression (i.e., medication and behavior change).
- Engage in collaborative treatment planning.
  - Consider antidepressant medication.
  - Consider encouraging behavioral activation using *Managing Depression by Engaging in Activities You Enjoy* handout.
- Offer referral for behavioral health treatment if symptoms and functional impairment are severe or treatment refractory.
- Monitor closely in primary care.

Suggested patient handouts:
  - *Did You Know? Fast Facts about Depression*
  - *Managing Depression by Engaging in Activities You Enjoy*

**Zone Red Intervention: Crisis Due to Acute Suicidal Ideation** (see pg 25 & 26)

- Remain calm. Reinforce patient’s honesty and indicate willingness to help.
- Offer referral for continued risk assessment and behavioral health treatment. See *Crisis Management in Primary Care* for assistance determining level of risk and appropriate level of crisis response (i.e., outpatient clinic, Mobile Crisis, or ER, etc.).
- Engage another supportive adult, with patient’s permission, in the implementation of a safety and monitoring plan. Educate him/her about the need to monitor patient closely, engage in means restriction, and call crisis numbers/proceed to ER if symptoms intensify.
- Monitor closely in primary care.
Provider Guide to Brief Intervention for Substance Misuse: Zone Red.

Screening Indicated: Patient has recently used Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, or Barbiturates regularly and is trying to quit.

Are symptoms of withdrawal present?

Yes

If immediate access to detox is unavailable, consider ER.

Risk of life-threatening withdrawal symptoms is highest for patients with:
- History of withdrawal seizure or DTs,
- History of multiple prior detoxes,
- History of severe withdrawal symptoms,
- Recent high levels of consumption,
- Lack of support network,
- Pregnancy, and
- Concurrent mental or medical illness.

No

Educate patient about withdrawal symptoms that could be life-threatening and necessitate emergency attention.

Reinforce motivation for sobriety, but discourage abrupt cessation. Offer inpatient treatment referrals and monitor closely in Primary Care.

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PCP Suicide Risk Assessment & Intervention Plan

(Screening):

1. “Do things ever get so bad you think about ending your own life or suicide?”
   - Yes ➔ Go to Question 2.
   - No ➔ Discontinue suicide risk assessment.

(Previous Suicide Attempt(s)):

2. “Have you ever tried to kill yourself before?”
   - Yes ➔ Ask, “When did this happen” and “How did you try to kill yourself?” Go to Question 3.
   - No ➔ Go to Question 3.

(Current Suicidal Episode):

3. “Are you currently having thoughts about ending your own life or suicide?”
   - Yes ➔ Go to Question 4.
   - No ➔ “When is the last time you had those thoughts?” and “Tell me more specifically about what you were thinking at that time.” Go to Questions 6 and 7, and refer to decision tree.

4. “Have you thought about how you might kill yourself?”
   - Yes ➔ Go to Question 5.
   - No ➔ Go to Question 6.

5. “Do you have access to [method]?”
   - Yes ➔ Go to Question 6.
   - No ➔ Go to Question 6.

(Protective Factors):

6. “What is keeping you alive right now?”
   - Listen for reasons to live such as religious beliefs and social supports.
   - Then, go to Question 7.

(Substance Use):

7. “Are you currently using any substances such as alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, or pain or nerve pills?”
   - Yes ➔ Ask, “How much and how often do you use [substance(s)]?” Then, refer to decision tree.
   - No ➔ Refer to decision tree.
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| Low  | • May feel depressed and have periodic thoughts of death, but no active suicidal ideation  
      • No current plan or intent to harm self  
      • No previous suicide attempts  
      • Feels cared for by family/friends  
      • Wants things to change, some hope for the future  
      • No or minimal substance use | • Reinforce healthy coping mechanisms and utilizing social support  
      • Provide crisis numbers for the patient to use if active suicidal ideation were to develop |
| Moderate | • Regularly occurring thoughts of death or wanting to die that are difficult to get rid of  
      • May be ambivalent about suicide plan and dying, not sure when but soon  
      • May have access to means to carry out plan (e.g., has a friend who owns a gun)  
      • Limited social support  
      • Negative about future plans, may feel hopeless  
      • May have had a previous suicide attempt  
      • May be using substances to cope | • Develop safety plan with patient (i.e. restricting means, including family/friend for monitoring, crisis numbers) if suicidal ideation worsens or they have concerns about ability to keep themselves safe  
      • Consider medication therapy for depression if clinically appropriate and close follow-up  
      • If you are concerned about patient's safety or have doubts they will access crisis resources if suicidal ideation worsens, help them access care for voluntary admission via local resources or facilitate crisis assessment for involuntary admission |
| High | • Thoughts of death or wanting to die are intense and feel impossible to get rid of  
      • Has plan for suicide with date and time in mind, access to lethal means to carry out plan, clear threats  
      • Does not give reasons for living, wants to die  
      • Limited or no social support, feels rejected and hopeless  
      • Previous suicide attempts or severe self-mutilation  
      • Current substance use | • Make sure the patient is in a safe location. If the patient is a flight risk notify designated staff member to keep an eye on the patient  
      • See if patient would be willing to consider a voluntary hospitalization and help them access care via local resources  
      • If unwilling to consider involuntary hospitalization facilitate crisis assessment for involuntary admission via local resources |

* Yes responses to suicide risk assessment questions indicate patient is at an increased risk.
Patient Example #1

Patient: Clyde Myers

Reason for Visit: Chronic disease management: Diabetes & Hypertension

History: 66-years-old
Last seen in the clinic 6 months ago

Medical Vitals: Height: 5’11”
Weight: 244 lbs.
BP: 158/96
Pulse: 82 and regular

Behavioral Vitals: PHQ-2—Positive
PHQ-9—Score of 11
NIDA Quick Screen—Negative
## PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE-9 (PHQ-9)

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? (Use "✓" to indicate your answer)

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Mr. Myers denies current suicidal ideation. Intervention zone = yellow
Patient Example #2

Patient: Jane Doe

Reason for Visit: ER follow up and discussion of recent aggressive behavior

History: 71-years-old
Last seen in the clinic 3 months ago

Medical Vitals: Height: 5’10”
Weight: 168 lbs.
BP: 132/80
Pulse: 82 and regular

Behavioral Vitals: PHQ-2—Positive
PHQ-9—Score of 4
NIDA Quick Screen—Negative
## Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? (Use “✓” to indicate your answer)

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**Significant symptoms were denied and patient denied ongoing impact of recent aggressive behavior. Intervention zone = green and will continue to monitor symptoms**
Patient Example #3

Patient: Johnny Woods

Reason for Visit: Same day sick appointment: Flu-like symptoms including nausea, vomiting, and fever

History: 51-years-old
Last seen in the clinic 1 year ago; receives social security disability for injury obtained in a car crash 18 months ago

Medical Vitals: Height: 5’11”
Weight: 183.80 lbs.
BP: 127/70
Pulse: 73 and regular

Behavioral Vitals: PHQ-2—Negative
NIDA Quick Screen—Positive
AUDIT—Positive (score of 35 of 40)
Mr. Woods endorsed symptoms of ETOH dependence including current symptoms of withdrawal. Intervention zone = red
Resources
# Overcoming Common Challenges When Implementing Screening for Depression and Substance Misuse in Primary Care

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<td>There isn't enough time for screening.</td>
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<td>The visit is complicated enough without identifying additional problems requiring treatment.</td>
<td>The problem is present even if it is not identified through screening. Identification and treatment of substance misuse and depression will likely improve management of comorbid conditions.</td>
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<td>Worry about offending the patient.</td>
<td>Introduce screening as means of offering comprehensive healthcare and describe depression and substance misuse as treatable health conditions.</td>
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<td>Limited confidence and competence to treat the problems identified by screenings.</td>
<td>Primary care offers first-line interventions (i.e., education, advice, medication, etc.). As with other health conditions, a specialty referral may be needed to provide a more intensive level of care.</td>
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<td>Not sure how to refer.</td>
<td>Identify a referral issue the patient is concerned about. Ask the patient to meet with the referral source so that he/she “can help me, help you” address the patient’s primary area of concern.</td>
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<td>Inadequate referral options.</td>
<td>The atom Alliance will assist you in developing a network of referral sources to treat the depression and substance misuse needs identified in your patient panel.</td>
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<td>Concern that the patient won’t follow through with the referral.</td>
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<td>Stop, don’t push. Convey readiness to help in the future. “I respect that you don’t want to talk about __ today. I’d like to partner with you to improve all aspects of your health. Maybe we could talk about __ at another time.”</td>
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<td>“I don’t have a problem.”</td>
<td>Don’t push. Ask permission and build awareness by providing personalized information. “Would it be okay if I told you why I am concerned about your ___?” “I worry that your ___ is…”</td>
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<td>“I know I have a problem, but I have no interest in changing at this time.”</td>
<td>Don’t push too hard. Encourage the patient to talk about his/her perception of the problem and discuss the potential benefits of changing. “Would you tell me why you think your ___ is a problem?” “If you decided you wanted to, can you think of potential benefits of changing?”</td>
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<td>“I’d like to change soon, but need some help determining how to begin.”</td>
<td>Reinforce desire to change. “Excellent, we’d like to partner with you to make changes in your __.” Problem-solve barriers and identify small action steps. “Are there things that are getting in the way of you starting to make changes?” “Patients often find that __, __, or __ are helpful first steps. Would you like to try one of these options?”</td>
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<td>“I’m starting to make changes, but need help to continue to make progress.”</td>
<td>Reinforce any progress thus far. Problem-solve barriers and refine action plan. “Are there things that are getting in the way of you making more progress?” “What have you already tried (or considered trying)?” “What has been most helpful so far?”</td>
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<td>“I’ve made changes and am stable, but need help to stay that way.”</td>
<td>Reinforce maintenance of progress. Identify successful strategies and problem-solve ways to continue to employ these. “Can you identify strategies that have helped you manage your ___ successfully?” “Can you identify any barriers to continuing these strategies to manage your ___?”</td>
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What is Depression?

Here are a few things to know about depression and ways that we can help you manage your symptoms and do the things in life that you enjoy again.

Depression is very common.

Depression is not just feeling down or sad. Some people say they also:

- Feel restless or really slowed down
- Have trouble enjoying things that used to be fun
- Have trouble getting stuff done
- Have trouble sleeping
- Feel tired all the time
- Have a poor appetite OR eat more than they usually do
- Lose weight OR gain weight
- Feel guilty
- Feel pain in their bodies
- Feel worthless, hopeless, or helpless
- Feel like they would be better off dead

Depression is treatable just like many other medical illnesses.

Treatment Options for Depression

Your doctor may recommend one or more of the following things to help you feel better and start doing the things that matter to you again:

1. **Medicine.** The most common medicine is called an antidepressant. Your doctor can talk to you more about that and if this type of medicine is best for you.

2. **Behavior change.** Your doctor may help you find a list of things that are fun to do and help you start planning ways to make time for those things again.

3. **Counseling/therapy.** Your doctor may be able to give you a list of therapists in your community who can help treat your symptoms and improve your functioning.

4. **Regular check-ins.** Even if you do not start medicine or therapy, your doctor will want to check in with you often to be sure your symptoms do not get worse and to help you if they do.
Antidepressant FAQ

If you are talking with your primary care provider about starting an anti-depressant, it is important to understand what to expect from the medications. It is also very important that you speak with your provider and the nursing staff before stopping medications, changing the dose, or if you have concerns about medications.

What are antidepressants?
Antidepressants are medications designed to help the symptoms of clinical depression and other conditions like anxiety and sleep difficulty.

How do antidepressants work?
Antidepressants work by adjusting certain chemicals (neurotransmitters) in the brain.

Are antidepressants addictive?
No, antidepressants are not addictive.

How might antidepressants help me?
Scientific research has shown that people who take antidepressants and make changes in their daily habits experience more relief from their depression and/or anxiety sooner than people who do not.

Who can prescribe me antidepressants?
Your primary care provider, psychiatric provider, or other specialists may prescribe antidepressant medication for you.

Why has my primary care provider tried me on one antidepressant when I heard from a friend that they started taking another?
Different antidepressants will affect different people in different ways. Your provider may have to try several medications before they find one that works well for you.

When can I expect my antidepressants to work?
It may take 10-21 days before you notice any reduction in symptoms; this will depend on the specific medication prescribed and your response to the medication. It may take up to three months for symptoms to significantly decrease.

What kind of symptoms may be improved if I start taking antidepressants?

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Can I drink alcohol while taking antidepressants?
Do not drink alcohol if you are taking antidepressant medication. Alcohol can block the effects of the medication. If you desire to drink occasionally or socially (never more than one drink per day), discuss this with your provider.
Antidepressant FAQ (cont...)

What kind of symptoms may not be improved if I start taking antidepressants?

Some symptoms like depressed mood and low self-esteem may respond only partially to medication. The medication you’ll be taking is not a “happy pill;” it is unlikely to totally erase feelings of sadness or emptiness.

How long will it take before I begin to feel better?

Typically, it may take up to three months for the major depressive symptoms to significantly decrease. In general, medication treatment goes at least six months beyond the point of symptom improvement. Occasionally, a person may need to be on long-term medication management.

Will I experience any side effects?

There is the possibility of side effects and some people may experience one or two of the following. However, these side effects usually go away in 7-10 days and can often be managed by changing the dose or by changing medication. Please call your provider if you have concerns about side effects.

- **Dry Mouth** - Drink plenty of water, chew sugarless gum, eat sugarless candy.
- **Constipation** - Eat more fiber rich foods, take a stool softener.
- **Drowsiness** - Take frequent walks, take medication earlier in the evening, or, if taking medication during the day, ask your primary care provider if you can take it at night.
- **Wakefulness** - Take medications early in the day.
- **Blurred Vision** - Remind yourself that this is a temporary difficulty; talk with provider if it continues.
- **Headache** - Usually temporary and can often be managed by aspirin or acetaminophen, if needed and as directed by your primary care provider.
- **Feeling Antsy** - Tell yourself this will go away in 3-5 days. If not, call your provider.
- **Sexual Problems** - Talk with your provider; a change in medications may help.
- **Nausea or Appetite Loss** - Take medication with food.

Adapted from the “Antidepressant Medications” Handout from the Center for Integrated Healthcare, Department of Veterans Affairs
Do What You Used to Enjoy to Help Depression

When people feel depressed, they stop doing things they once found enjoyable or meaningful. The less active they are, the worse they feel. And, the worse they feel the less active they become. This is the cycle of depression.

To break this cycle, it is helpful to identify the things you once enjoyed and plan to do them again, even though you don't feel like it. Enjoyable activities don't have to cost money or be special. Calling a friend, talking a short walk, or reading a good book are examples of enjoyable activities. Repeatedly doing things you used to enjoy, even when you don't feel like it, will help your depression.

Setting a Goal:

I used to enjoy: ____________________________________________________________

Something important to me is: _____________________________________________

Even though I won't feel like it I will: _______________________________________

When? _________________________________________________________________

Where? _________________________________________________________________

How? _________________________________________________________________

For How Long? __________________________________________________________
Coping with Triggers to Use

Cutting back or quitting seems simple, but often it isn't. Many people who want to cut back or quit are surprised at how often they want to use. The things that make us want to use are called triggers. Identifying your triggers and making a plan to avoid or cope with them can help.

Identifying Your Triggers

To identify triggers, think about the things you associate with use. You will likely have many triggers, but it may be hard to identify them at first. Think about the people, places, things, and feelings that make you want to use. List some of your triggers below.

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Avoiding or Coping with Triggers

Now that you have identified some of your triggers, let's make a plan. Determine which triggers you can avoid and develop a plan to cope with those you cannot. For example, you can avoid your friend who continues to use, but cannot completely avoid stress.

My Plan

I will avoid these triggers:  

I will cope with these triggers I cannot avoid:

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**When I think about using I will:**

I. Remember my reasons for being sober.

II. Think of the consequence of using.

III. Call someone supportive of my sobriety.

IV. Go to a safe place.

V. Do something I enjoy until the craving passes.
When to Refer to Specialty Mental Health or Substance Abuse Providers

It is a routine practice to refer patients to specialty providers when additional assistance with diagnostic clarification, treatment planning, and interventions is needed. Unfortunately, there is a mismatch between the rate of referrals (e.g., referrals increased from 41 million to 105 million annually between 1999 and 2009) and patients’ likelihood to attend the specialty provider appointments (e.g., there is a 50 percent no-show rate for most new referrals).

Before referring a patient to a specialty mental health provider or substance abuse program and to increase your ability to provide the best care for your patients, consider the following:

**Is there a safety risk involved?**
- Has the patient expressed suicidal intent with plan, means, or access to a way to harm his or herself?
- Is your patient demonstrating symptoms of active withdrawal from a substance?
- This patient should be given immediate access to a higher level of care including but not limited to an inpatient psychiatric facility (or an evaluation for appropriateness) and/or a local ER for immediate stabilization of symptoms and functioning.

**What is your patient’s preference?**
- Remember, just because you make the referral, it does not mean your patient will go
- Does your patient believe the referral is necessary? At this time? For this problem?
- To increase the likelihood that your patient will attend a specialist referral appointment and to increase the likelihood that your patient will remain engaged in care, it is important to ensure that the patient believes the referral is appropriate and/or necessary

**What is the patient’s level of engagement?**
- Has he or she consistently missed appointments (e.g., PCP, nurse, labs) in your clinic?
- Consider using a change ruler; if the patient rates his/her likelihood of attending this appointment as an seven or higher (and/or has consistently attended all of your appointments), your patient may be more likely to attend a referral appointment to a specialty provider

**What interventions have you tried in-house?**
- A positive screen is not always indicative of a need for a higher level of care
- Evidence-based practice recommends several effective, *brief* interventions for depression and substance abuse (e.g., behavioral activation, change rulers, initiation of medication, psychoeducation) that you or another member of the primary care team can implement at the point of care

References:
Building Community Resources and Referral Protocols

For patients whose level of engagement is high and whose symptoms require additional intervention above and beyond what can be effectively implemented in the primary care setting, appropriate referrals are necessary. When working to build collaborative relationships with community partners to facilitate these referrals, several general guidelines may be worth considering.

1. Reach out to community partners (e.g., psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed counselors, university counseling centers, community mental health centers, substance abuse treatment centers, crisis units, etc.) to establish protocols for referrals.

2. When developing protocols, consider:
   - When and how to refer (e.g., for crisis only? Once patient engagement and motivation has increased? See “When to Refer to Specialty Mental Health or Substance Abuse Providers” for additional recommendations)
   - The type and amount of information that is needed to complete the referral
   - What forms are needed?
   - What information will be shared and how that information will be transmitted securely?
   - How will each organization obtain consent?

3. Create a list of local organizations that patients may access for additional assistance or education including but not limited to: local emergency services including crisis and detox centers; community service agencies; community mental health centers; and the local branches of the Department of Public Health, the Bureau of Substance Abuse Service, and the Department of Mental Health.
Selected References

Screening Tools


Southeast Consortium for Substance Abuse Training, videos of AUDIT alcohol screen with positive and negative results

These peer resources may be valuable in providing support regarding both medical and behavioral health needs for patients of the practice as well as for the overall administration of the practice. Such peer supports for the families of pediatric patients may be recruited from the pool of "Family Support Specialists" that exist through the Child Behavioral Health Initiative.

Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Health: Current Evidence

Regular updates of SBIRT and other alcohol and drug research. Also lists available free Continuing Education opportunities for physicians, nurse practitioners, and counselors, as well as downloadable and modifiable teaching slide presentations.
**Integrated Care Resources**


**Applied Knowledge**


Fischer, P.C. Integrating psychology and primary care: The value of collaboration. PowerPoint Presentation. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.


**Ethical Considerations**


**Financial Considerations**


Websites for Integrated Care

Academy for Integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care: www.integrationacademy.ahrq.gov

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: www.ahrq.gov

Collaborative Family Healthcare Association: www.cfha.net

Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement: www.icsi.org

SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions: www.integration.samhsa.gov

Websites with Useful Clinical Tools

Addressing Suicide in Primary Care: www.sprc.org/for-providers/primary-care

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality – Spanish Evidence-Based Practice Resource: www.ahrq.gov/patients-consumers/treatmentoptions/esp/

AIMS Center at the University of Washington: uwaims.org

American Academy of Pediatrics: www.brightfutures.aap.org


American Academy of Pediatrics - Trauma Toolbox For Primary Care: www.aap.org/traumaguide

American Diabetes Association: www.diabetes.org

Anxiety – CBT resources: www.anxietybc.com


Center for Integrated Healthcare: www.mentalhealth.va.gov/coe/cih-visn2/Clinical/Clinical_Resources.asp

Center on Aging Studies Without Walls: cas.umkc.edu/casww/caregivg.htm

Child Health & Development – Parent & Child Resources: [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

Cornell Self-Injury and Recovery Program: [http://selfinjury.bctr.cornell.edu/resources.html](http://selfinjury.bctr.cornell.edu/resources.html)

Diabetes Self-Management: [www.diabetesselfmanagement.com/](http://www.diabetesselfmanagement.com/)

The Disparities Solutions Center at Massachusetts General Hospital: [www.massgeneral.org/disparitiessolutions](http://www.massgeneral.org/disparitiessolutions)

Eat Smart Move More & Let’s Move – Initiatives to address childhood obesity: [www.letsmove.gov/en-espanol](http://www.letsmove.gov/en-espanol) | [www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com/Media/PrintAds.html](http://www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com/Media/PrintAds.html)

Gero Central: [gerocentral.org/](http://gerocentral.org/)

Health & Wellness – includes healthy eating & physical activity, free to register for account: [www.sparkpeople.com](http://www.sparkpeople.com)

Health & Wellness – University of Tennessee Wellness Website: [ewellness.tennessee.edu/Resources.aspx](http://ewellness.tennessee.edu/Resources.aspx)

Health Psychology Website by Dan Bruin: [www.healthpsych.com/](http://www.healthpsych.com/)

Help with Aging: [helpwithaging.com](http://helpwithaging.com)


Johns Hopkins Center for Mental Health Services in Pediatric Primary Care: [web.jhu.edu/pedmentalhealth/index.html](http://web.jhu.edu/pedmentalhealth/index.html)

National Center for Cultural Competence: [nccc.georgetown.edu](http://nccc.georgetown.edu)


National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: [www.nice.org.uk/cg90](http://www.nice.org.uk/cg90)

National Institute on Aging at the NIH: [https://go4life.nia.nih.gov](https://go4life.nia.nih.gov)

National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health: [www.nned.net](http://www.nned.net)

Parenting resources – Love & Logic: www.loveandlogic.com

Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative: www.pcpcc.net

SAMHSA's Evidence-based Practice Website: www.samhsa.gov/ebpwebguide/appendixB.asp#Health_Treatment

Geriatric Depression Scale

Short Form (GDS)
**Geriatric Depression Scale: Short Form**

Choose the best answer for how you have felt over the past week:

1. Are you basically satisfied with your life? **YES / NO**
2. Have you dropped many of your activities and interests? **YES / NO**
3. Do you feel that your life is empty? **YES / NO**
4. Do you often get bored? **YES / NO**
5. Are you in good spirits most of the time? **YES / NO**
6. Are you afraid that something bad is going to happen to you? **YES / NO**
7. Do you feel happy most of the time? **YES / NO**
8. Do you often feel helpless? **YES / NO**
9. Do you prefer to stay at home, rather than going out and doing new things? **YES / NO**
10. Do you feel you have more problems with memory than most? **YES / NO**
11. Do you think it is wonderful to be alive now? **YES / NO**
12. Do you feel pretty worthless the way you are now? **YES / NO**
13. Do you feel full of energy? **YES / NO**
14. Do you feel that your situation is hopeless? **YES / NO**
15. Do you think that most people are better off than you are? **YES / NO**

Answers in **bold** indicate depression. Score 1 point for each bolded answer.

A score > 5 points is suggestive of depression.
A score ≥ 10 points is almost always indicative of depression.
A score > 5 points should warrant a follow-up comprehensive assessment.

Source: [http://www.stanford.edu/~yesavage/GDS.html](http://www.stanford.edu/~yesavage/GDS.html)

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Depression Screening Tool

Hamilton Depression Rating Scale (HAM-D)
The Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression
(to be administered by a healthcare professional)

Patient’s Name ________________________________

Date of Assessment ________________________________

To rate the severity of depression in patients who are already diagnosed as depressed, administer this questionnaire. The higher the score, the more severe the depression.

For each item, write the correct number next to the item. (Only one response per item)

1. DEPRESSED MOOD (Sadness, hopeless, helpless, worthless)
   - 0 = Absent
   - 1 = These feeling states indicated only on questioning
   - 2 = These feeling states spontaneously reported verbally
   - 3 = Communicates feeling states non-verbally—i.e., through facial expression, posture, voice, and tendency to weep
   - 4 = Patient reports VIRTUALLY ONLY these feeling states in his spontaneous verbal and nonverbal communication

2. FEELINGS OF GUILT
   - 0 = Absent
   - 1 = Self reproach, feels he has let people down
   - 2 = Ideas of guilt or rumination over past errors or sinful deeds
   - 3 = Present illness is a punishment. Delusions of guilt
   - 4 = Hears accusatory or denunciatory voices and/or experiences threatening visual hallucinations

3. SUICIDE
   - 0 = Absent
   - 1 = Feels life is not worth living
   - 2 = Wishes he were dead or any thoughts of possible death to self
   - 3 = Suicidal ideas or gesture
   - 4 = Attempts at suicide (any serious attempt rates 4)

4. INSOMNIA EARLY
   - 0 = No difficulty falling asleep
   - 1 = Complains of occasional difficulty falling asleep—i.e., more than 1/2 hour
   - 2 = Complains of nightly difficulty falling asleep

5. INSOMNIA MIDDLE
   - 0 = No difficulty
   - 1 = Patient complains of being restless and disturbed during the night
   - 2 = Waking during the night—any getting out of bed rates 2 (except for purposes of voiding)
6. INSOMNIA LATE
   0 = No difficulty
   1 = Waking in early hours of the morning but goes back to sleep
   2 = Unable to fall asleep again if he gets out of bed

7. WORK AND ACTIVITIES
   0 = No difficulty
   1 = Thoughts and feelings of incapacity, fatigue or weakness related to activities; work or hobbies
   2 = Loss of interest in activity; hobbies or work—either directly reported by patient, or indirect in
      listlessness, indecision and vacillation (feels he has to push self to work or activities)
   3 = Decrease in actual time spent in activities or decrease in productivity
   4 = Stopped working because of present illness

8. RETARDATION: PSYCHOMOTOR (Slowness of thought and speech; impaired ability
   to concentrate; decreased motor activity)
   0 = Normal speech and thought
   1 = Slight retardation at interview
   2 = Obvious retardation at interview
   3 = Interview difficult
   4 = Complete stupor

9. AGITATION
   0 = None
   1 = Fidgetiness
   2 = Playing with hands, hair, etc.
   3 = Moving about, can’t sit still
   4 = Hand wringing, nail biting, hair-pulling, biting of lips

10. ANXIETY (PSYCHOLOGICAL)
    0 = No difficulty
    1 = Subjective tension and irritability
    2 = Worrying about minor matters
    3 = Apprehensive attitude apparent in face or speech
    4 = Fears expressed without questioning

11. ANXIETY SOMATIC: Physiological concomitants of anxiety, (i.e., effects of autonomic
    overactivity, “butterflies,” indigestion, stomach cramps, belching, diarrhea, palpitations,
    hyperventilation, paresthesia, sweating, flushing, tremor, headache, urinary frequency).
    Avoid asking about possible medication side effects (i.e., dry mouth, constipation)
    0 = Absent
    1 = Mild
    2 = Moderate
    3 = Severe
    4 = Incapacitating
12. SOMATIC SYMPTOMS (GASTROINTESTINAL)
   0= None
   1= Loss of appetite but eating without encouragement from others. Food intake about normal
   2= Difficulty eating without urging from others. Marked reduction of appetite and food intake

13. SOMATIC SYMPTOMS GENERAL
   0= None
   1= Heaviness in limbs, back or head. Backaches, headache, muscle aches. Loss of energy and fatigability
   2= Any clear-cut symptom rates 2

14. GENITAL SYMPTOMS (Symptoms such as: loss of libido; impaired sexual performance; menstrual disturbances)
   0= Absent
   1= Mild
   2= Severe

15. HYPOCHONDRIASIS
   0= Not present
   1= Self-absorption (bodily)
   2= Preoccupation with health
   3= Frequent complaints, requests for help, etc.
   4= Hypochondriacal delusions

16. LOSS OF WEIGHT
   A. When rating by history:
      0= No weight loss
      1= Probably weight loss associated with present illness
      2= Definite (according to patient) weight loss
      3= Not assessed

17. INSIGHT
   0= Acknowledges being depressed and ill
   1= Acknowledges illness but attributes cause to bad food, climate, overwork, virus, need for rest, etc.
   2= Denies being ill at all

18. DIURNAL VARIATION
   A. Note whether symptoms are worse in morning or evening. If NO diurnal variation, mark none
      0= No variation
      1= Worse in A.M.
      2= Worse in P.M.
   B. When present, mark the severity of the variation. Mark “None” if NO variation
      0= None
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19. DEPERSONALIZATION AND DERREALIZATION (Such as: Feelings of unreality; Nihilistic ideas)

20. PARANOID SYMPTOMS

   - 0 = None
   - 1 = Suspicious
   - 2 = Ideas of reference
   - 3 = Delusions of reference and persecution

21. OBSESSIONAL AND COMPULSIVE SYMPTOMS

   - 0 = Absent
   - 1 = Mild
   - 2 = Severe

Total Score

Depression Screening Tool

*Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)*
Over the past 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?  
(Write number according to your answer the in the corner. Tally all answers for your final score.)

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**PHQ-9 Results**
- 1-4: Minimal Depression
- 5-9: Mild Depression
- 10-14: Moderate Depression
- 15-19: Moderately Severe Depression
- 20-21: Severe Depression
Substance Misuse Screening Tool

Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST)
A. WHO - ASSIST V3.0

INTEGRATED QUESTIONNAIRE - VERSION 3.0

Thank you for agreeing to take part in this brief interview about alcohol, tobacco products and other drugs. I am going to ask you some questions about your experience of using these substances across your lifetime and in the past three months. These substances can be smoked, swallowed, snorted, inhaled, injected or taken in the form of pills (show drug card).

Some of the substances listed may be prescribed by a doctor (like amphetamines, sedatives, pain medications). For this interview, we will not record medications that are used as prescribed by your doctor. However, if you have taken such medications for reasons other than prescription, or taken them more frequently or at higher doses than prescribed, please let me know. While we are also interested in knowing about your use of various illicit drugs, please be assured that information on such use will be treated as strictly confidential.

NOTE: Before asking questions, give ASSIST Response Card to patient

Question 1
(if completing follow-up please cross check the patient’s answers with the answers given for Q1 at baseline. Any differences on this question should be queried)

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Probe if all answers are negative: “Not even when you were in school?”

If *No* to all items, stop interview.

If *Yes* to any of these items, ask Question 2 for each substance ever used.
### Question 2
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If "Never" to all items in Question 2, skip to Question 6.

If any substances in Question 2 were used in the previous three months, continue with Questions 3, 4 & 5 for each substance used.

### Question 3
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### Ask Questions 6 & 7 for all substances ever used (i.e. those endorsed in Question 1)

#### Question 6

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<th>Has a friend or relative or anyone else ever expressed concern about your use of (FIRST DRUG, SECOND DRUG, ETC.)?</th>
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### Question 8

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<th>Have you ever used any drug by injection? (NON-MEDICAL USE ONLY)</th>
<th>No, Never</th>
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**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Patients who have injected drugs in the last 3 months should be asked about their pattern of injecting during this period, to determine their risk levels and the best course of intervention.

**Pattern of Injecting**

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<td>Once weekly or less</td>
<td>Brief Intervention including &quot;risks associated with injecting&quot; card</td>
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<td>Fewer than 3 days in a row</td>
<td>Further assessment and more intensive treatment*</td>
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<td>More than once per week or 3 or more days in a row</td>
<td>Further assessment and more intensive treatment*</td>
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**How to Calculate a Specific Substance Involvement Score:**

For each substance (labelled a. to j.) add up the scores received for questions 2 through 7 inclusive. Do not include the results from either Q1 or Q8 in this score. For example, a score for cannabis would be calculated as: $Q2c + Q3c + Q4c + Q5c + Q6c + Q7c$

Note that Q5 for tobacco is not coded, and is calculated as: $Q2a + Q3a + Q4a + Q6a + Q7a$

**The type of intervention is determined by the patient’s specific substance involvement score:**

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<th>Record specific substance score</th>
<th>No intervention</th>
<th>Receive brief intervention</th>
<th>More intensive treatment *</th>
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<td>a. tobacco</td>
<td>0 - 3</td>
<td>4 - 26</td>
<td>27+</td>
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<td>b. alcohol</td>
<td>0 - 10</td>
<td>11 - 26</td>
<td>27+</td>
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<td>c. cannabis</td>
<td>0 - 3</td>
<td>4 - 26</td>
<td>27+</td>
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<td>d. cocaine</td>
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<td>e. amphetamine</td>
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**Note:** Further assessment and more intensive treatment may be provided by the health professional(s) within your primary care setting, or, by a specialist drug and alcohol treatment service when available.
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Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT)
**AUDIT**

PATIENT: Because alcohol use can affect your health and can interfere with certain medications and treatments, it is important that we ask some questions about your use of alcohol. Your answers will remain confidential, so please be honest.

For each question in the chart below, place an X in one box that best describes your answer.

NOTE: In the U.S., a single drink serving contains about 14 grams of ethanol or “pure” alcohol. Although the drinks below are different sizes, each one contains the same amount of pure alcohol and counts as a single drink:

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<td>12 oz. of beer</td>
<td>about 5% alcohol</td>
<td>1 or 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>8-9 oz. of malt liquor</td>
<td>about 7% alcohol</td>
<td>3 or 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 oz. of wine</td>
<td>about 12% alcohol</td>
<td>5 or 6</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.5 oz. of hard liquor</td>
<td>about 40% alcohol</td>
<td>7 to 9</td>
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<td>1. How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?</td>
<td>Never</td>
<td>Monthly or less</td>
<td>2 to 4 times a month</td>
<td>2 to 3 times a week</td>
<td>4 or more times a week</td>
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<td>2. How many drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day when you are drinking?</td>
<td>1 or 2</td>
<td>3 or 4</td>
<td>5 or 6</td>
<td>7 to 9</td>
<td>10 or more</td>
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<td>3. How often do you have 5 or more drinks on one occasion?</td>
<td>Never</td>
<td>Less than monthly</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
<td>Daily or almost daily</td>
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<td>4. How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started?</td>
<td>Never</td>
<td>Less than monthly</td>
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<td>Weekly</td>
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<td>5. How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking?</td>
<td>Never</td>
<td>Less than monthly</td>
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<td>6. How often during the last year have you needed a first drink in the morning to get yourself going after a heavy drinking session?</td>
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<td>7. How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking?</td>
<td>Never</td>
<td>Less than monthly</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
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<td>8. How often during the last year have you been unable to remember what happened the night before because of your drinking?</td>
<td>Never</td>
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<td>Monthly</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
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<td>9. Have you or someone else been injured because of your drinking?</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes, but not in the last year</td>
<td>Yes, during the last year</td>
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<td>10. Has a relative, friend, doctor, or other health care worker been concerned about your drinking or suggested you cut down?</td>
<td>No</td>
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**Total**

**Note:** This questionnaire (the AUDIT) is reprinted with permission from the World Health Organization. To reflect drink serving sizes in the United States (14g of pure alcohol), the number of drinks in question 3 was changed from 6 to 5. A free AUDIT manual with guidelines for use in primary care settings is available online at [www.who.org](http://www.who.org).

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*CAGE-AID*
CAGE-AID Questionnaire

Patient Name _______________________________ Date of Visit ________________

When thinking about drug use, include illegal drug use and the use of prescription drug use other than prescribed.

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<td>1. Have you ever felt that you ought to cut down on your drinking or drug use?</td>
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<td>2. Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking or drug use?</td>
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<td>3. Have you ever felt bad or guilty about your drinking or drug use?</td>
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<td>4. Have you ever had a drink or used drugs first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or to get rid of a hangover?</td>
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*Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST-10)*
NAME: ________________________  DATE: ________________

DRUG USE QUESTIONNAIRE (DAST – 20)

The following questions concern information about your potential involvement with drugs not including alcoholic beverages during the past 12 months. Carefully read each statement and decide if your answer is “Yes” or “No”. Then, circle the appropriate response beside the question. In the statements “drug abuse” refers to (1) the use of prescribed or over the counter drugs in excess of the directions and (2) any non-medical use of drugs. The various classes of drugs may include: cannabis (e.g. marijuana, hash), solvents, tranquillizers (e.g. Valium), barbiturates, cocaine, stimulants (e.g. speed), hallucinogens (e.g. LSD) or narcotics (e.g. heroin). Remember that the questions do not include alcoholic beverages.

Please answer every question. If you have difficulty with a statement, then choose the response that is mostly right.

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### Adult Version

**These questions refer to the past 12 months.**

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<td>2. Have you abused prescription drugs?</td>
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<td>3. Do you abuse more than one drug at a time?</td>
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<td>4. Can you get through the week without using drugs?</td>
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<td>5. Are you always able to stop using drugs when you want to?</td>
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<td>6. Have you had “blackouts” or “flashbacks” as a result or drug use?</td>
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<td>7. Do you every feel bad or guilty about your drug use?</td>
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<td>8. Does your spouse (or parents) ever complain about your involvement with drugs?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>9. Has drug abuse created problems between you and your spouse or your parents?</td>
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<td>12. Have you been in trouble at work (or school) because of drug abuse?</td>
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<td>14. Have you gotten into fights when under the influence of drugs?</td>
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<td>19. Have you gone to anyone for help for drug problem?</td>
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<td>20. Have you been involved in a treatment program specifically related to drug use?</td>
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*Michigan Alcoholism Screening Test (MAST)*
### The Michigan Alcoholism Screening Test (MAST)

Please circle either Yes or No for each item as it applies to you.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1. | Do you feel you are a normal drinker? (By normal we mean you drink less than or as much as most other people.) | Yes | No |
| 2. | Have you ever awakened the morning after some drinking the night before and found that you could not remember a part of the evening? | Yes | No |
| 3. | Does your wife, husband, a parent, or other near relative ever worry or complain about your drinking? | Yes | No |
| 4. | Can you stop drinking without a struggle after one or two drinks? | Yes | No |
| 5. | Do you ever feel guilty about your drinking? | Yes | No |
| 6. | Do friends or relatives think you are a normal drinker? | Yes | No |
| 7. | Are you able to stop drinking when you want to? | Yes | No |
| 8. | Have you ever attended a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)? | Yes | No |
| 9. | Have you gotten into physical fights when drinking? | Yes | No |
| 10. | Has your drinking ever created problems between you and your wife, husband, a parent, or other relative? | Yes | No |
| 11. | Has your wife, husband (or other family members) ever gone to anyone for help about your drinking? | Yes | No |
| 12. | Have you ever lost friends because of drinking? | Yes | No |
| 13. | Have you ever gotten into trouble at work or school because of drinking? | Yes | No |
| 14. | Have you ever lost a job because of drinking? | Yes | No |
| 15. | Have you ever neglected your obligations, your family or your work for two or more days in a row because you were drinking? | Yes | No |
| 16. | Do you drink before noon fairly often? | Yes | No |
| 17. | Have you ever been told you have liver trouble? Cirrhosis? | Yes | No |
| 18. | After heavy drinking have you ever had Delirium Tremens (D.T.s) or severe shaking, or heard voices or seen things that really were not there? | Yes | No |
| 19. | Have you ever gone to anyone for help about your drinking? | Yes | No |
| 20. | Have you ever been in a hospital because of drinking? | Yes | No |
| 21. | Have you ever been a patient in a psychiatric hospital or on a psychiatric ward of a general hospital where drinking was part of the problem that resulted in hospitalization? | Yes | No |
| 22. | Have you ever been seen at a psychiatric or mental health clinic, or gone to any doctor, social worker, or clergyman for help with an emotional problem, where drinking was part of the problem? | Yes | No |
| 23. | Have you ever been arrested for drunk driving, driving while intoxicated, or driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages? (If YES, how many times? _____) | Yes | No |
| 24. | Have you ever been arrested, or taken into custody even for a few hours, because of other drunk behavior? If YES, how many times?_____) | Yes | No |