



## ADHD TrEAT FAQ

1. **Why is the current ADHD TrEAT shutting down?** CADDRA's ADHD TrEAT (Treatment Education and Assessment Tool) was originally developed to address the significant challenges clinicians faced during the COVID pandemic, when in-person practice visits were not feasible. The platform provided clinicians with a seamless online option for patient questionnaire completion, enabling continuity of care. Over time, its scope expanded to include advanced features such as scoring, automatic reminders, and access to patient resources. This was made possible through grant funding, which allowed the creation of a robust platform offered as a free benefit to CADDRA members. However, as technology and security standards evolved, maintaining a secure and effective platform became increasingly challenging. Over the past 12 months, the costs of necessary updates and support grew unsustainable. Despite submitting numerous grant applications, CADDRA was unable to secure the essential funding needed to rebuild the platform with enhanced flexibility, security, and reduced support costs. Without this critical rebuild, the long-term security of the site could not be guaranteed. Consequently, the Board made the difficult decision to transition to alternative solutions. ADHD TrEAT was designed to fill a gap in care delivery during a pivotal time. Since then, many Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) have integrated similar online questionnaire features. Most CADDRA members now use EMRs mandated by their hospitals, institutions, or practices, reducing the demand for ADHD TrEAT. Unfortunately, supporting the platform for the small percentage of members who still utilize it incurred costs exceeding \$75,000 in the past year, which is not sustainable. Surveys conducted among members and non-members last year further indicated limited willingness or ability to pay for this service. Given these factors, CADDRA has chosen to refocus its efforts on providing value to the broader ADHD community through other innovative and impactful initiatives.
2. **Could CADDRA partner with a company or organization in order to continue to provide this service?** CADDRA explored various options with other organizations over the past year. However, a cost-effective partnership solution, that would not entail significant costs to clinicians using the program, could not be found.
3. **When will this change to ADHD TrEAT take effect?** Access to the current ADHD TrEAT program will end on January 31, 2025.
4. **What should current ADHD TrEAT users do before access is removed on January 31st?** Please login and save any documents not yet saved by you to your own system.
5. **Will patient records on the system be safe after the tool is closed?** Yes, all code and data on the system will be securely archived.
6. **What will happen to the resources and tools associated with the ADHD TrEAT program?** We're glad to share that resources and tools from the ADHD TrEAT program, including the patient handouts, will be transitioning to a new web-based platform, albeit one with less technological capability.
7. **What format will the new ADHD TrEAT take?** ADHD TrEAT will be redeveloped as a practice change tool in line with current CME accreditation standards.

8. **When will the new platform be available?** The new platform is currently under construction with a completion date of the end of January. Updates and further information will be sent on this during the next weeks.
9. **Will I still be able to send out questionnaires through the new platform?** Unfortunately, no. However, a depository of fillable and scorable questionnaire PDFs will be made available for member use. These can be downloaded and sent through the practice email communication systems, which will continue to provide patients with an option to complete forms online and return by email to their clinician.
10. **Will there still be guides to the CADDRA recommended assessment and follow-up process?** Yes, the new platform will include information on recommended and additional forms, what to consider when assessing for ADHD and comorbidities, and how to interpret the scored questionnaires.
11. **Are there plans to expand the new ADHD TrEAT?** Yes, CADDRA will add additional questionnaire forms requested to assist with a differential diagnosis and identification of comorbidities. It will add education around the diagnostic process and provide new patient handout resources.
12. **Will there be a cost to members?** No, members will continue to have free access. There will be an access fee for non-members.
13. **Can my clinic staff also access the new platform?** Members can add an assistant role to their member account which will allow an administrator to access the resources.
14. **Are there alternative programs I could investigate as an alternative to ADHD TrEAT?** There are other programs that you might want to review if our new platform does not fit your needs and your EMR does not provide this option.
  - [ADHDRatingScales.com](http://ADHDRatingScales.com) (Canadian, free)
  - [Childmentalhealth.ca](http://Childmentalhealth.ca) (Canadian, free)
  - [Greenspace Health](http://Greenspace Health) (Canadian, free and paid options)
  - [Flowfactor.ca](http://Flowfactor.ca) (Canadian, French language only, non physicians, paid option)
  - [Chadis](http://Chadis) (US-based, paid option)
15. **Can I provide feedback on the new platform as it develops?** Absolutely, we value your feedback and invite you to share your thoughts with us. Please sign up for Wednesday's meeting (1pm EST, January 8<sup>th</sup>) by emailing to [info@caddra.ca](mailto:info@caddra.ca).

We understand that this change may affect many clinicians and appreciate your understanding as we work to enhance our resources and support for the CADDRA community.