

Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment: Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST-10®)

The questions included in the DAST-10 concern information about possible involvement with drugs not including alcoholic beverages during the past 12 months.

In the statements, “drug use” 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 (marijuana, hashish), solvents, tranquilizers (e.g., Valium), barbiturates, cocaine, stimulants (e.g., speed) hallucinogens (e.g., LSD) or narcotics (e.g., heroin).

In the past 12 months:	Circle response	
1. Have you used drugs other than those required for medical reasons?	Yes	No
2. Do you use more than one drug at a time?	Yes	No
3. Are you always able to stop using drugs when you want to?	Yes	No
4. Have you had “blackouts” or “flashbacks” as a result of your drug use?	Yes	No
5. Do you ever feel bad or guilty about your drug use?	Yes	No
6. Does your spouse (or parents) ever complain about your involvement with drugs?	Yes	No
7. Have you neglected your family because of your use of drugs?	Yes	No
8. Have you engaged in illegal activities in order to obtain drugs?	Yes	No
9. Have you ever experienced withdrawal symptoms (felt sick) when you stopped taking drugs?	Yes	No
10. Have you had medical problems as a result of your drug use (e.g., memory loss, hepatitis, convulsions, bleeding, etc.)?	Yes	No

DAST-10 Score: _____

Score 1 point for each question answered “yes,” except for question 3 for which a “no” receives 1 point.

DAST-10 Interpretation

Score	Degree of Problems Related to Drug Abuse	Suggested Action
0	No problems reported	None at this time
1-2	Low level	Monitor, re-assess at a later date
3-5	Moderate level	Further investigation
6-8	Substantial level	Intensive assessment
9-10	Severe level	Intensive assessment

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