Addiction Potential Scale (APS)

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION**
The APS was developed as an MMPI-2-based measure of the personality factors underlying the development of addictive disorders. The scale was empirically derived by selecting MMPI-2 items that differentiated alcoholics and drug abusers from psychiatric patients and normals. Scale development procedures followed the empirical scale development procedures used by MacAndrew (1965) in developing the Mac scale except that the MMPI-2 item pool, which incorporated more relevant item content, was used.

**TARGET POPULATION**
- Adults
- Adolescents

**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**
- Number of items: 39
- Number of subscales:
  - Format(s): Pencil-and-paper self-administered
    - Interview
    - Observation
    - Computer self-administered
    - Other
  - Time required for administration: Brief
  - Administered by: Self or administrative staff
  - Training required for administration? yes no

**SCORING**
- Time required to score/interpret: Brief
- Scored by: Clinician or computer
- Scoring key? yes no
- Computerized scoring or interpretation available? yes no
- Norms available? yes no
- Instrument normed on subgroups? yes no
- Which groups? Normals, alcohol/drug abusers, psychiatric cases
PSYCHOMETRICS

Have reliability studies been done? ☑ yes ☐ no

What measure(s) of reliability was used?

☑ Test-retest
☐ Split half
☑ Internal consistency

Have validity studies been done? ☑ yes ☐ no

What measures of validity have been derived?

☐ Content
☑ Criterion (predictive, concurrent, “postdictive”)
☐ Construct

CLINICAL UTILITY OF INSTRUMENT

The APS successfully detects personality characteristics that are associated with developing drug or alcohol abuse problems.

RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

This measure can be scored from MMPI-2, which is given in many clinical research studies on a routine basis. It has a substantial normative base.

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright: ☑ yes ☐ no

Cost: Contact the source.

Source: MMPI-2 provided through:
   National Computer Systems
   Assessments Division
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SOURCE REFERENCE


SUPPORTING REFERENCES


