

CAGE Questionnaire

BRIEF DESCRIPTION	The CAGE is a very brief, relatively nonconfrontational questionnaire for detection of alcoholism usually directed “have you ever” but may be focused to delineate past or present.
TARGET POPULATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents (over 16 years) Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful? Usually in general medical population being examined in a primary care setting
ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES	Number of items: 4 Number of subscales: Format(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pencil-and-paper self-administered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview <input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer self-administered <input type="checkbox"/> Other Time required for administration: <i>Less than 1 minute</i> Administered by: <i>Professional or technician</i> Training required for administration? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Comments: <i>Easy to learn, easy to remember, easy to replicate</i>
SCORING	Time required to score/interpret: <i>Instantaneous</i> Scored by: <i>Tester</i> Computerized scoring or interpretation available? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Norms available? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

PSYCHOMETRICS	<p>Have reliability studies been done? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>What measure(s) of reliability was used?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Test-retest</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Split half</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal consistency</p> <p>Have validity studies been done? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>What measures of validity have been derived?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Content</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criterion (predictive, concurrent, “postdictive”)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Construct</p>
CLINICAL UTILITY OF INSTRUMENT	<p>The CAGE is a very useful bedside clinical desk instrument. It has become the favorite of family practice physicians and general internists and also is very popular in nursing.</p>
RESEARCH APPLICABILITY	<p>The CAGE has much less potential for most research uses than for clinical use.</p>
SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES	<p>Copyright: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>Cost: <i>Public domain</i></p> <p>Source: <i>The CAGE Questionnaire was developed by John Ewing. The exact wording can be found in the source reference below. No permission is necessary unless used in a profit-making endeavor.</i></p>
SOURCE REFERENCE	<p>Ewing, J.A. (1984). Detecting alcoholism: The CAGE questionnaire. <i>JAMA: Journal of the American Medical Association</i>, 252, 1905–1907.</p>
SUPPORTING REFERENCES	<p>Reynaud, M., Schwan, R., Loiseaux-Meunier, M.N., Albuisson, E. & Deteix, P. (2001). Patients admitted to emergency services for drunkenness: Moderate alcohol users or harmful drinkers? <i>American Journal of Psychiatry</i>, 158(1), 96-99.</p> <p>Aertgeerts, B., Buntinx, F., Fevery, J. & Ansoms, S. (2000). Is there a difference between CAGE interviews and written CAGE interviews. <i>Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research</i>, 24(5), 733-736.</p> <p>Fiellin, D.A., Reid, M.C. & O'Connor, P.G. (2000). Screening for alcohol problems in primary care: Systemic review. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i>, 15(Suppl. 1), 65-66.</p> <p>Mayfield, D., McLeod, G. & Hall, P. (1974). The CAGE questionnaire: Validation of a new alcoholism instrument. <i>American Journal of Psychiatry</i>, 131, 1121-1123.</p>