Personal Experience Inventory for Adults (PEI-A)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION
This self-report inventory documents substance use and resulting problems in adults. The instrument is composed of two parts—Problem Severity Section (120 items) and Psychosocial Section (150 items). Validity indicators are also included to help determine whether the client is responding accurately and honestly. The score report provides normative data of scale score results, the findings from 10 Problem Screens, treatment guidelines, and a detailed narrative.

TARGET POPULATION
☒ Adults
☐ Adolescents (over 16 years)

Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful?
Adults suspected of problems due to involvement in alcohol or other drug problems

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES
Number of items: 270
Number of subscales: 22 main scales and 5 validity scales
Format(s): ☒ Pencil-and-paper self-administered
☐ Interview
☐ Observation
☒ Computer self-administered
☐ Other

Time required for administration: 45 minutes
Administered by: Client
Training required for administration? ☐ yes ☒ no

SCORING
Time required to score/interpret: 2 minutes
Scored by: Computer
Scoring key? ☒ yes ☐ no
Computerized scoring or interpretation available? ☒ yes ☐ no
Norms available? ☒ yes ☐ no
Instrument normed on subgroups? ☒ yes ☐ no
Which groups? Treatment-seeking and normal community

**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 PEI-A can aid in case identification and treatment referral.

**RESEARCH APPLICABILITY**

The PEI-A provides a standard description of a sample and can be modified for use in treatment outcome.

**SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES**

Copyright: ☒ yes ☐ no

Cost: Manual, $45.00; test administration and scoring, average cost per test about $12.00

Source: Western Psychological Services

12031 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1251

Cost/Source of computerized scoring: Same as above

**SOURCE REFERENCE**


**SUPPORTING REFERENCE**