

Adolescent Obsessive-Compulsive Drinking Scale (A-OCDS)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION	<p>The A-OCDS was developed to detect craving and problem drinking in adolescents/young adults. The A-OCDS has been shown to detect obsessive thoughts about alcohol and compulsive drinking behaviors in adolescents/young adults. It is sensitive and specific to identify problematic drinking and craving in adolescents/young adults.</p>
TARGET POPULATION	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Adults <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents (14–20 years)</p> <p>Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful? Adolescents/young adults ages 14 to 20 who abuse or are dependent upon alcohol. The instrument may be used to differentiate problem adolescent drinkers from experimenters or those with alcohol abuse.</p>
ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES	<p>Number of items: 14 Number of subscales: 2 Format(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pencil-and-paper self-administered <input type="checkbox"/> Interview <input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Computer self-administered <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Time required for administration: 5 to 10 minutes Administered by: <i>Self</i> Training required for administration? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no</p>
SCORING	<p>Time required to score/interpret: 1 minute Scored by: <i>Simple addition</i> Scoring key? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Computerized scoring or interpretation available? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Norms available? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Instrument normed on subgroups? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p>

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, "post-delivery")

Construct

CLINICAL UTILITY OF INSTRUMENT

The A-OCDS may be used to identify a problem drinker and to detect impairment in function associated with drinking. Scores of 1 and 6 on the Interference and Irresistibility subscales, respectively, are indicative of problem drinking. The A-OCDS may be used to monitor the progress of patients in treatment.

RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

The A-OCDS is useful in baseline research assessments to determine the extent of impairment related to drinking. An individual's progress during the course of treatment or change over time may be measured.

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright: yes no

Cost: *None*

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SOURCE REFERENCE

Deas, D.V., Roberts, J.S., Randall, C.L. & Anton, R.F. (2001). Adolescent Obsessive-Compulsive Drinking Scale (A-OCDS): An assessment tool for problem drinking. *Journal of National Medical Association, 93*(3), 92-103.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE

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