

Drinker Inventory of Consequences (DrInC)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The DrInC is a self-administered 50-item questionnaire designed to measure adverse consequences of alcohol abuse in five areas: Interpersonal, Physical, Social, Impulsive, and Intrapersonal. Each scale provides a lifetime and past 3-month measure of adverse consequences, and scales can be combined to assess total adverse consequences. Normative data are available for interpretation of client scale scores, and a brief version of the DrInC, the Short Index of Problems (SIP), is available when assessment time is limited.

TARGET POPULATION

- Adults
 Adolescents

Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful?

The DrInC has been used in a variety of settings, including inpatient and outpatient alcohol treatment facilities, and with homeless and college populations. DrInC items span a full spectrum of adverse consequences ranging from those encountered by heavy social drinkers to severely alcohol-dependent individuals.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Number of items: 50

Number of subscales: 5

Format(s): Pencil-and-paper self-administered

- Interview
 Observation
 Computer self-administered
 Other

Time required for administration: 10 minutes

Administered by: Self

Training required for administration? yes no

Comments: *A Test Manual is available for the DrInC. The manual provides normative data for interpretation of total and subscales scores for a number of different populations (e.g., male, female, inpatient, outpatient). Simple directions are provided for scoring the DrInC, and parallel information is available on the SIP.*

SCORING

Time required to score/interpret: *5 minutes*
 Scored by: *Minimally trained technician*
 Computerized scoring or interpretation available? yes no
 Norms available? yes no
 Instrument normed on subgroups? yes no
 Which groups? *Inpatient and outpatient clients presenting for alcohol treatment, males and females*

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 DrInC can be used for treatment planning and evaluation of treatment outcomes.

RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

The DrInC has been used in numerous alcohol treatment clinical trials as an outcome measure. Baseline and followup versions of the DrInC are available, and assessment timeframes can be easily modified to meet research needs.

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright: yes no
 Cost: *None*
 Source: Call the National Clearinghouse at (800) 729-6686 for a copy of the source reference.

SOURCE REFERENCE

Miller, W.R., Tonigan, J.S. & Longabaugh, R. (1995). *The Drinker Inventory of Consequences (DrInC): An Instrument for Assessing Adverse Consequences of Alcohol Abuse*. Project MATCH Monograph Series, Vol. 4. DHHS Publication No. 95-3911. Rockville, MD: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

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