

## Personal Experience Inventory (PEI)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION	This self-report inventory documents the onset, nature, degree, and duration of chemical involvement in 12- to 18-year-olds and identifies personal risk factors that may precipitate or sustain substance abuse. In addition, six problem screens alert you to the possibility of family chemical dependency, sexual abuse, physical abuse, eating disorder, suicide potential, and need for psychiatric referral.
TARGET POPULATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Adults <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents <b>Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful?</b> Adolescents at risk for substance abuse or psychological problems
ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES	Number of items: Number of subscales: <i>7 scales; 12 Psychosocial Scales; 10 Problem Severity Scales, 6 Problem Screens; plus Use, Frequency, Duration, and Age of Onset for 12 drug categories</i> Format(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pencil-and-paper self-administered <input type="checkbox"/> Interview <input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer self-administered <input type="checkbox"/> Other Time required for administration: <i>5 minutes</i> Administered by: <i>Generally self-administered (individuals or groups); can be administered by trained clerk</i> Training required for administration? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no ( <i>minimal training required</i> )
SCORING	Time required to score/interpret: <i>None (computer scored or FAX service)</i> Scored by: <i>Computer disk, mail-in answer sheet</i> 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 Which groups? <i>Drug clinic samples and normal high school samples</i>

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 simplifies identification, referral, and treatment. It is widely used in substance abuse treatment programs, student assistance programs, juvenile rehabilitation centers, and private practice. The PEI makes it easier to evaluate the many adolescents who are entering the health care system at younger ages with more poorly defined problems. It permits more specialized treatment, and it helps document the need for treatment.

RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

The PEI is useful in any study assessing adolescent chemical dependency and psychosocial risk.

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright:  yes  no

Cost: \$135.00 per test kit (including manual and cost of computer scoring and interpretation for five administrations)

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Cost/source of computerized scoring: *Western Psychological Services. Disk (25 uses) is \$285.00; Mail-In Answer Booklet is \$18.50; FAX service is \$18.50 All with discounts for quantity use.*

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