

## 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

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Cost/Source of computerized scoring: *Same as above*

SOURCE REFERENCE

Winters, K.C. (1996). *Personal Experience Inventory—Adults Manual*. Los Angeles, CA: Western Psychological Services.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE

Winters, K.C. (1999). A multiscale measure of adult substance abuse. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, 16*, 237-246.