

## Personal Experience Screening Questionnaire (PESQ)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION	The PESQ provides a quick, cost-effective way to screen 12- to 18-year-olds for substance abuse. In just 10 minutes, this brief self-report questionnaire identifies teenagers who should be referred for a complete chemical dependency evaluation.
TARGET POPULATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Adults <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents <b>Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful?</b> General adolescent populations
ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES	Number of items: 40 Number of subscales: 3 ( <i>Problem Severity, Psychosocial Items, and Drug Use History</i> ) 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 Time required for administration: 10 minutes Administered by: <i>Self</i> Training required for administration? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
SCORING	Time required to score/interpret: 5 minutes Scored by: <i>Automatically scored as administered, using AutoScore Test</i> Computerized scoring or interpretation available? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" 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>Treatment and community groups (broken down by gender and age groups)</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

This brief screener helps service providers make appropriate referrals. It is especially useful in schools, juvenile detention facilities, medical clinics, and other settings where routine screening rather than in-depth assessment is the goal.

RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

The PESQ is useful in screening subjects, as an initial step in identifying those with chemical dependency problems.

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright:  yes  no

Cost: \$70.00 per kit (25 administrations)

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SOURCE REFERENCES

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