

Rutgers Alcohol Problem Index (RAPI)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION	<p>The RAPI is an 18-item (originally 23-item) self-administered screening tool for assessing adolescent problem drinking. It was developed in order to create a conceptually sound, unidimensional, relatively brief, and easily administered instrument to assess problem drinking in adolescence. The advantages of this screening tool lie in its ease of administration and its standardization, which make it possible to compare problem drinking scores across groups.</p>
TARGET POPULATION	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents</p> <p>Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful? Can be used in research to measure drinking problems and can be used in a clinical setting with adolescent and college samples.</p>
ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES	<p>Number of items: 18 (<i>originally 23</i>) Number of subscales: 0</p> <p>Format(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pencil-and-paper self-administered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview <input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Computer self-administered <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Time required for administration: 10 minutes Administered by: <i>Self or interviewer</i> Training required for administration? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Comments: <i>Very easy to administer. Can be self-administered or can be administered by computer (can be adapted for this format, although the authors have not made a computer version), or by an interviewer.</i></p>
SCORING	<p>Time required to score/interpret: 5 minutes Scored by: <i>Anyone</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>An adolescent community sample and an adolescent inpatient (alcohol and drug problems) sample</i> Comments: <i>Simply add the numbers from each response to form a total score.</i></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, "postdictive")

Construct

Has factor analysis been done? yes no

CLINICAL UTILITY OF INSTRUMENT

To assess the extent of alcohol-related problems and to use as negative consequences of use

RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

To use as a continuous variable which indicates the frequency of experiencing negative consequences due to alcohol use. Can compare problem drinking scores across individuals and across groups.

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright: yes no

Cost: None

Source: Helene White

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