

Short Alcohol Dependence Data (SADD)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The SADD questionnaire was derived from the Alcohol Dependence Data (ADD) questionnaire. More narrowly focused than the ADD, the SADD was also intended to be easier and faster to use than previous measures. As reported in the original publication (Raistrick, Dunbar, & Davidson, 1983), the SADD was designed to be “(i) suitable for patients seeking help with a drinking problem; (ii) a measure of present state dependence; (iii) sensitive across the full range of dependence; (iv) sensitive to change over time; and (v) relatively free of sociocultural influence” (p.90).

TARGET POPULATION

- Adults
 Adolescents

Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful?

The scale is aimed at the general adult substance-abusing population, focusing primarily on those who are mildly to moderately dependent. The SADD is commonly used with male and female clients of addictions treatment programs, although some studies have used the SADD with nontreatment samples.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Number of items: *15*

Number of subscales:

- Format(s): Pencil-and-paper self-administered
 Interview
 Observation
 Computer self-administered
 Other

Time required for administration: *2 to 5 minutes*

Administered by: *Self or interviewer*

Training required for administration? yes no

SCORING

Time required to score/interpret: *5 minutes*

Scored by: *Administrator*

Computerized scoring or interpretation available? yes no

Norms available? yes no

Instrument normed on subgroups? yes no

Which groups? *Young male offenders*

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

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright: yes no

Cost: *None*

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