

Diagnostic Interview Schedule (DIS-IV) Alcohol Module

BRIEF DESCRIPTION	The DIS-IV Alcohol Module for the January 2000 version contains 28 structured questions which serve the DSM-IV diagnostic criteria for alcohol abuse and dependence. In addition to determining whether criteria for diagnosis are met, information is gained about course, onset, and recency of positive symptoms.
TARGET POPULATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful? Respondents 18 years of age and older with various educational and cultural backgrounds from both general and clinical populations (excluding severe mental retardation or severe organic brain syndrome). The instrument was validated in a clinical sample.
ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES	Number of items: 28 Number of subscales: Format(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil-and-paper self-administered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview (paper/pen or computerized) <input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Computer self-administered <input type="checkbox"/> Other Time required for administration: 10 to 20 minutes Administered by: Anyone Training required for administration? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Comments: <i>Although no clinical background is required to administer the module, a half day of instruction and practice is highly recommended. It is essential that interviewers be able to read smoothly, exercise good clerical skills, and be good listeners.</i>
SCORING	Time required to score/interpret: <i>Virtually immediate</i> Scored by: <i>Computer or by hand (although hand scoring is not recommended)</i> Computerized scoring or interpretation available? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

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

CLINICAL UTILITY OF INSTRUMENT

The DIS-IV Alcohol Module is primarily intended for epidemiological studies but can also be used for other clinical and research purposes. As a diagnostic instrument, the module has no direct role in enhancing treatment.

RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

Use of the instrument may result in improvements in the way diagnosis is made and lead to refinements in diagnostic criteria. Because the instrument standardizes data collection it allows for comparisons between different studies.

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright: yes no

Cost: *Contact the source.*

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