

Drug Abuse Screening Test, DAST-10

Tailored for viral hepatitis patients

Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

Tell patient: "The following questions concern information about your possible involvement with drugs not including alcoholic beverages during the past 12 months. The various classes of drugs may include cannabis (marijuana, hashish), solvents (e.g., paint thinner), tranquilizers (e.g., Valium), barbiturates, cocaine, stimulants (e.g., speed), hallucinogens (e.g., LSD) or narcotics (e.g., heroin). Remember that the questions do not include alcoholic beverages. Please answer every question. If you have difficulty with a statement, then choose the response that is mostly right."

Screening Questions

In the past 12 months...	Yes	No
1. Have you used drugs other than those required for medical reasons?	1	0
2. Do you use more than one drug at a time?	1	0
3. Are you unable to stop using drugs when you want to?	1	0
4. Have you ever had blackouts or flashbacks as a result of drug use?	1	0
5. Do you ever feel bad or guilty about your drug use?	1	0
6. Does your spouse (or parents) ever complain about your involvement with drugs?	1	0
7. Have you neglected your family because of your use of drugs?	1	0
8. Have you engaged in illegal activities in order to obtain drugs?	1	0
9. Have you ever experienced withdrawal symptoms (felt sick) when you stopped taking drugs?	1	0
10. Have you had medical problems as a result of your drug use (e.g. memory loss, hepatitis, convulsions, bleeding)?	1	0
Calculate total score		

Viral Hepatitis-Related Screening Questions

11. What drug(s) did you use?
12. How often did you use the drug(s)?
13. Are any drug(s) you used injectable?

Interpretation of Score

Score	Degree of Problems Related to Drug Abuse	Suggested Action
0	No problems reported	None at this time
1-2	Low level	Monitor, re-assess at a later date
3-5	Moderate level	Further investigation
6-8	Substantial level	Intensive assessment
9-10	Severe level	Intensive assessment

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