

Addiction Severity Index, 5th Edition

Clinical/Training Version

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INTRODUCING THE ASI: Seven potential problem areas: Medical, Employment/Support Status, Alcohol, Drug, Legal, Family/Social, and Psychological. All clients receive the same standard interview. All information gathered is **confidential**.

We will discuss two time periods:

1. The past 30 days
2. Lifetime data

Patient Rating Scale: Patient input is important. For each area, I will ask you to use this scale to let me know how bothered you have been by any problems in each section. I will also ask you how important treatment is for you in the area being discussed.

The scale is: 0–Not at all

- 1–Slightly
- 2–Moderately
- 3–Considerably
- 4–Extremely

If you are uncomfortable giving an answer, then don't answer.

Please do not give inaccurate information!
Remember: This is an interview, not a test.

INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Leave no blanks.
2. Make plenty of comments and include the question number before each comment. If another person reads this ASI, that person should have a relatively complete picture of the client's perceptions of his or her problems.
3. X = Question not answered.
N = Question not applicable.
4. Stop the interview if the client misrepresents two or more sections.
5. Tutorial and coding notes are preceded by •.

INTERVIEWER SCALE: 0–1 = No problem
2–3 = Slight problem
4–5 = Moderate problem
6–7 = Severe problem
8–9 = Extreme problem

HALF TIME RULE: If a question asks for the number of months, round up periods of 14 days or more to 1 month. Round up 6 months or more to 1 year.

CONFIDENCE RATINGS:

- Last two items in each section.
- Do not overinterpret.
- Denial does not warrant misrepresentation.
- Misrepresentation is overt contradiction in information.

PROBE AND MAKE PLENTY OF COMMENTS!

LIST OF COMMONLY USED DRUGS:

Alcohol:	Beer, wine, liquor
Methadone:	Dolophine, LAAM
Opiates:	Painkillers = Morphine; Dilaudid; Demerol; Percocet; Darvon; Talwin; Codeine; Tylenol 2, 3, 4
Barbiturates:	Nembutal, Seconal, Tuinol, Amytal, Pentobarbital, Secobarbital, Phenobarbital, Fiorinol
Sedatives/ Hypnotics/ Tranquilizers	Benzodiazepines, Valium, Librium, Ativan, Serax Tranxene, Dalmane, Halcion, Xanax, Miltown Chloral Hydrate (Noctex), Quaaludes
Cocaine:	Cocaine Crystal, Freebase Cocaine or "Crack," and "Rock Cocaine"
Amphetamines:	Monster, Crank, Benzedrine, Dexedrine, Ritalin, Preludin, Methamphetamine, Speed, Ice, Crystal
Cannabis	Marijuana, Hashish
Hallucinogens:	LSD (Acid), Mescaline, Mushrooms (Psilocybin), Peyote, Green, PCP (Phencyclidine), Angel Dust, Ecstasy
Inhalants:	Nitrous Oxide, Amyl Nitrate (Whippets, Poppers), Glue, Solvents, Gasoline, Toluene, etc.

Just note if these are used:

- Antidepressants
- Ulcer Medications—Zantac, Tagamet
- Asthma Medications—Ventoline Inhaler, Theo-Dur
- Other Medications—Antipsychotics, Lithium

ALCOHOL/DRUG USE INSTRUCTIONS:

This section looks at two time periods: the past 30 days and years of regular use, or lifetime use. Lifetime use refers to the time prior to the past 30 days.

- 30-day questions require only the *number* of days used.
- Lifetime use is asked to determine extended periods of *regular* use. It refers to the time prior to the past 30 days.
- Regular use = 3+ times per week, 2+ day binges, or problematic, irregular use in which normal activities are compromised.
- Alcohol to intoxication does not necessarily mean "drunk"; use the words "felt the effects," "got a buzz," "high," etc. instead of "intoxication." As a rule of thumb, 5+ drinks in one day, or 3+ drinks in a sitting defines intoxication.
- How to ask these questions:
 - ✓ How many days in the past 30 days have you used...?
 - ✓ How many years in your life have you *regularly* used...?

