



Opioid Misuse Screen¹

The Opioid Misuse Screening is an eight-question tool designed to assess for signs and symptoms of opioid misuse. It is adapted from the Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST). This tool is for educational purposes only and is not intended to be diagnostic.

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Questions include:

- In your life, have you ever used opioids? (Non-medical use only)
- Has a friend or relative or anyone else ever expressed concern about your use of opioids?
- Have you ever tried and failed to control, cut down, or stop using opioids?

Individuals respond by indicating “yes” or “no” to the first question, and “No, Never”, “Yes, in the past 3 months”, or “Yes, But not in the past 3 months” to the next three questions. For the remaining questions, individuals respond by indicating “Never”, “Once or Twice”, “Monthly”, “Weekly” or “Daily or Almost Daily”.

Scoring assigns each answer a numerical value and adds the total value of responses to the four questions:

- Yes = 1
- No = 0

Interpretation:

3-fold responses indicating Low, Moderate and High risk

Scores

Low = 0-3

Moderate = 4-26

High = 27 and above

¹ Humeniuk RE, Ali RA, Babor TF, Farrell M, Formigoni ML, Jittiwutikarn J, Boerngen de Larcera R, Ling W, Marsden J, Monteiro M, Nhiwhatiwa S, Pal H, Poznyak V & Simon S (2008). Validation of the Alcohol Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST). *Addiction* 103(6): 1039-1047