

# SCREENING & ASSESSMENT TOOLS

## EVIDENCE-BASED SCREENING TOOLS

**AUDIT** – Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test. Designed for heavy drinkers or alcoholics, the instrument is designed for pen and paper, self administered and takes two minutes to administer. There is no fee for use of this instrument. A copy of the instrument is on page 314 of the NIAAA handbook: *Assessing Alcohol Problems: A Guide for Clinicians and Researchers*.

**DUSI-R - Drug Use Screening Inventory Revised.** Target population Adults and Adolescents. The inventory has 159 items on the scale. The inventory is a pen and paper self-administered, can be done by interview, and can be self-administered by computer. There is a fee for use of this instrument. A copy of the instrument is on page 393 of the NIAAA handbook. *Assessing Alcohol Problems: A Guide for Clinicians and Researchers*.

**RIASI** – Research Institute on Addictions Self Inventory. 52 item scale, average administration time 15 minutes. The inventory has three scales, one for detection of individuals with alcohol or other drug problems, a second scale for predicting DUI recidivism and a three-question lie scale. The inventory is pen and paper, can be self-administered or completed by interview. There is no fee for use of this instrument. A copy of the instrument is available from Thomas H. Nochajski, Ph.D. Associate Professor School of Social Work, University at Buffalo, SUNY 660 Baldy Hall Amherst, New York 14260 Phone: 716 - 645 – 3381; email: [thn@buffalo.edu](mailto:thn@buffalo.edu) 31 items are distal measures, meaning the person cannot readily determine how to fake good or bad in response to the question, also these questions address issues of hostility, sensation-seeking, depression and other personality characteristics linked to DWI.

## STANDARDIZED VALIDATED ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL ASSESSMENTS

**Adapted Short Michigan Alcohol Screening Test (ASMAST) for Fathers (F-SMAST) and Mothers (M-SMAST)** – Used to assess parental history of alcoholism.

**Addiction Severity Index** - A semi-structured interview designed to address seven potential problem areas in substance-abusing patients – medical status, employment and support, drug use, alcohol use, legal status, family/social status, and psychiatric status. Gathers information on recent and lifetime problems. The ASI has been used extensively for treatment planning and outcome evaluation.

## DRINKING MEASUREMENT TOOLS

**TLFB-** for the Assessment of daily drinking; several dimensions of drinking can be separated and examined. This instrument has been used with alcohol abusers and normal drinkers, males and females and college students. Comes in three administrative options, pen and paper test, interview, computer. Cost for computerized version only.

**FORM 90** – for the Assessment of daily drinking using calendar and weekly grid. Used with alcohol abusers, males and females. Interview format takes 40-60 minutes to administer and 20 minutes to score. No charge for instruments.

**DSML-** Daily recall of drinking. This instrument is used with alcohol abusers and normal drinkers males / females and college students. Pen and Paper inventory with no cost.

**CLDH** – Chronological recall of drinking patterns from adolescence to adulthood. The instrument is used on alcohol abusers and normal drinkers. The inventory is conducted in an interview format, takes 20-30 minutes to administer and 5-10 minutes to score. There is no cost for this instrument.

**QF** – Assessment of drinking, used with alcohol abusers and normal drinkers, and college students. The instrument is a pen and paper inventory that takes from 4-60 minutes to administer and 5 minutes to score. There is no fee for the inventory.