

Addiction Severity Index 5th Edition - North Dakota State Adaptation for use with Native Americans
(Designed with consideration for Native American Cultural and Ceremonial Practices)

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INTRODUCING THE ASI: Eight potential problem areas: Medical, Employment/Support Status, Alcohol, Drug, Legal, Family/Social, and Psychological, and Spiritual and Ceremonial. 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 # before each comment. If another person reads this ASI, they should have a relatively complete picture of the client's perceptions of his/her problems.
3. X = Question not answered
N = Question not applicable
4. Stop interview if client misrepresents two or more sections.
5. Tutorial and coding notes are preceded with ">".

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 over-interpret.
- Denial does not warrant misrepresentation
- Misrepresentation is overt contradiction in information.

LIST OF COMMONLY USED DRUGS:

Alcohol: Beer, wine, liquor

Methadone: Dolophine, LAAM

Opiates: Pain killers = Morphine, Dilaudid, Demerol, Percocet, Darvon, Talwin, Codeine, Tylenol 2,3,4

Barbiturates: Nembutal, Seconal, Tuinal, Amytal, Pentobarbital, Secobarbital, Phenobarbital, Fiorinal

Sedatives/
Hypnotics/
Tranquilizers: Benzodiazepines = Valium, Librium, Ativan, Serax, Tranxene, Dalmane, Halcion, Xanax, Miltown,
Other = Chloral Hydrate, Quaaludes

Cocaine: Cocaine Crystal, Free-Base Cocaine or "Crack" and "Rock Cocaine"

Amphetamines: Monster, Crank, Benzedrine, Dexedrine, Ritalin, Preludin, Methamphetamine, Speed, Ice, Crystal

Cannabis: Marijuana, Hashish

Hallucinogens: LSD (Acid), Mescaline, Psilocybin (Mushrooms), Peyote, Green, PCP (Phencyclidine), Angel Dust, Ecstasy

Inhalants: Nitrous Oxide (Whippits), Amyl Nitrate (Poppers), Glue, Solvents, Gasoline, Toluene, Etc.

Just note if these are used:

Antidepressants
Ulcer Meds: Zantac, Tagamet
Asthma Meds: Ventolin Inhaler, TheoDur
Other Meds: 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 only require the *number* of days used.
- Lifetime use is asked to determine extended periods of regular use.
- 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 have you used...?
 - How many years in your life have you regularly used...?

MEDICAL STATUS

M1. How many times in your life have you been hospitalized for medical problems?

- Include ODs and DTs. Exclude detox, alcohol/drug, and psychiatric treatment and childbirth (if no complications). Enter the number of overnight hospitalizations for medical problems.

M2. How long ago was your last hospitalization for a physical problem? / Years / Months

- If M1 = None, M2 should be coded "NN".

M3. Do you have any chronic medical problems which continue to interfere with your life? 0-No, 1-Yes

- If YES, specify in comments.
- A chronic medical condition is a serious physical or medical condition that requires regular care, (i.e., medication, dietary restriction) and prevents full advantage of abilities (e.g. diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, etc.)

M4. Are you taking any prescribed medication on a regular basis for a physical problem? 0-No, 1-Yes

- If YES, specify in comments.
- Medication prescribed by a physician for medical conditions; not psychiatric medicines. Include medicines prescribed whether or not the patient is currently taking them.

M15. Number of months pregnant: Months

- "N" for males, "0" for not pregnant.

M5. Do you receive a pension for a physical disability? 0-No, 1-Yes

- If YES, specify in comments.
- Includes any type of financial compensation for a physical disability (e.g. worker’s compensation, pension, SS. Do not include psychiatric disability).

M16. Have you ever sought medical help from a tribal medicine person? 0-No, 1-Yes

- Not a traditionally educated provider such as an MD or RN.

M17. How many days in the past 30 have you sought help from a tribal medicine person?

M6. How many days have you experienced medical problems in the past 30 days?

- Include flu, colds, etc.

Confidence Rating

Is the above information significantly distorted by:

M10. Patient’s misrepresentation? 0-No 1-Yes

M11. Patient’s inability to understand? 0-No 1-Yes

COMMENTS

(Include question number with your notes)

Patient’s Rating
(0 - 4 Scale)

M7. How troubled or bothered have you been by these medical problems in the past 30 days?

- Restrict response to problem days of M6.

M8. How important to you now is treatment for these medical problems?

- Refers to the need for additional medical treatment by the patient.

Interviewer Severity Rating
(0 - 9 Scale)

M9. How do you rate the patient’s need for medical treatment?

- Refer to the patient’s need for additional medical treatment.

EMPLOYMENT / SUPPORT STATUS (cont.)

E11. How many days were you paid for working in the past 30 days?
• Include "under the table" work, paid sick days, and vacation.

How much money did you receive from the following sources in the past 30 days?

E12. Employment?
• Net or "take home" pay. Include "under the table" money. From days in E11.

E13. Unemployment Compensation?

E14. Welfare?
• Include food stamps, transportation, money provided by an agency to go to and from treatment.

E15. Pension, benefits or Social Security?
• Include disability, pensions, retirement, veteran's benefits, SSI, SSDI and worker's compensation.

E16. Mate, family, or friends?
• Money for personal expenses, (e.g. clothing); include unreliable sources of income. Record cash payments only, include windfalls (unexpected), money from loans, gambling, inheritance, tax returns, etc.

E17. Illegal?
• Cash obtained from drug dealing, stealing, fencing stolen goods, gambling, prostitution, etc. Do not attempt to convert drugs exchanged to a dollar value.

E28. Government payment for land/land lease?

E18. How many people depend on you for the majority of their food, shelter, etc.?
• Must be regularly depending on patient, do include alimony/child support, do not include the patient or self-supporting spouse, etc.

E19. How many days have you experienced employment problems in the past 30?
• Include inability to find work, training, or schooling, or problems with the present job in which that job is jeopardized.

Confidence Rating

Is the above information significantly distorted by:

E23. Patient's misrepresentation? 0-No 1-Yes

E24. Patient's inability to understand? 0-No 1-Yes

COMMENTS

(Include question number with your notes)

Patient's Rating
(0 - 4 Scale)

E20. How troubled or bothered have you been by these employment problems in the past 30 days?
• If the patient has been incarcerated or detained during the past 30 days, they cannot have employment problems. In that case an "N" response is indicated.

E21. How important to you now is counseling for these employment problems?
• Stress help in finding or preparing for a job, not giving the client a job.

Interviewer Severity Rating
(0 - 9 Scale)

E22. How would you rate the patient's need for employment counseling?

