

Client Name: _____

Date of Rating: _____

CLINICIAN ALCOHOL USE SCALE

Please rate your client's use of alcohol over the past six months according to the following scale. If the person is in an institution, the reporting interval is the time period prior to institutionalization. You should weigh evidence from self-report, interviews, behavioral observations, and collateral reports (family, day center, community, etc.) in making this rating.

- _____ 1 = ABSTINENT Client has not used alcohol during this time interval.
- _____ 2 = USE WITHOUT IMPAIRMENT Client has used alcohol during this time interval, but there is no evidence of persistent or recurrent social, occupational, psychological, or physical problems related to use and no evidence of recurrent dangerous use.
- _____ 3 = ABUSE Client has used alcohol during this time interval and there is evidence of persistent or recurrent social, occupational, psychological, or physical problems related to use or evidence of recurrent dangerous use. For example, recurrent alcohol use leads to disruptive behavior and housing problems. Problems have persisted for at least one month.
- _____ 4 = DEPENDENCE Meets criteria for moderate plus at least three of the following: greater amounts or intervals of use than intended, much of time used obtaining or using substance, frequent intoxication or withdrawal interferes with other activities, important activities given up because of alcohol use, continued use despite knowledge of substance-related problems, marked tolerance, characteristic withdrawal symptoms, alcohol taken to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms. For example, drinking binges and preoccupation with drinking have caused client to drop out of job training and non-drinking social activities.
- _____ 5 = DEPENDENCE WITH INSTITUTIONALIZATION Meets criteria for severe plus related problems are so severe that they make noninstitutional living difficult. For example, constant drinking leads to disruptive behavior and inability to pay rent so that client is frequently reported to police and seeking hospitalization.