

# Addiction Severity Index *Lite* - CF

Clinical/Training Version

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**Remember: This is an interview, not a test**

≈Item numbers circled are to be asked at follow-up.≈

≈Items with an asterisk\* are cumulative and should be rephrased at follow-up.≈

≈Items in a double border gray box are questions for the interviewer.

Do not ask these questions of the client.≈

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

There are two time periods we will discuss:

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 for 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!**

## **INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Leave no blanks.
2. Make plenty of Comments (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. Terminate interview if client misrepresents two or more sections.
5. When noting comments, please write the question number.
6. Tutorial/clarification notes are preceded with "•".

**HALF TIME RULE:** If a question asks 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 = overt contradiction in information.

**Probe and make plenty of comments!**

## **HOLLINGSHEAD CATEGORIES:**

1. Higher execs, major professionals, owners of large businesses.
2. Business managers of medium sized businesses, lesser professions, i.e., nurses, opticians, pharmacists, social workers, teachers.
3. Administrative personnel, managers, minor professionals, owners/proprietors of small businesses, i.e., bakery, car dealership, engraving business, plumbing business, florist, decorator, actor, reporter, travel agent.
4. Clerical and sales, technicians, small businesses (bank teller, bookkeeper, clerk, draftsman, timekeeper, secretary).
5. Skilled manual - usually having had training (baker, barber, brakeman, chef, electrician, fireman, lineman, machinist, mechanic, paperhanger, painter, repairman, tailor, welder, policeman, plumber).
6. Semi-skilled (hospital aide, painter, bartender, bus driver, cutter, cook, drill press, garage guard, checker, waiter, spot welder, machine operator).
7. Unskilled (attendant, janitor, construction helper, unspecified labor, porter, including unemployed).
8. Homemaker.
9. Student, disabled, no occupation.

## **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, Syrups = Robitussin, Fentanyl
Barbiturates:	Nembutal, Seconal, Tuinal, Amytal, Pentobarbital, Secobarbital, Phenobarbital, Fiorinal
Sed/Hyp/Tranq:	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 (Whippets), Amyl Nitrite (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:**

The following questions look at two time periods: the past 30 days and lifetime. Lifetime refers to the time prior to the last 30 days. However if the client has been incarcerated for more than 1 year, you would only gather lifetime information, unless the client admits to significant alcohol /drug use during incarceration. This guideline only applies to the Alcohol/Drug Section.

- ⇒ 30 day questions only require the number of days used.
- ⇒ Lifetime use is asked to determine extended periods of use.
- ⇒ Regular use = 3+ times per week, 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 setting, or within a brief period of time 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....?"

























