SCREENING FOR ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

ASK CURRENT DRINKERS (NIAAA questions)

- On average, how many days per week do you drink alcohol?
- On a typical day when you drink, how many drinks do you have?
- What's the maximum number of drinks you had on a given occasion in the last month?

CAGE

- **C**: Have you felt you ought to **CUT** down on your drinking or drug use?
- **A:** Have people **ANNOYED** you by criticizing your drinking or drug use?
- **G:** Have you ever felt **GUILTY** about your drinking or drug use?
- E: Have you ever had a drink or used drugs first thing in the morning (EYE OPENER) to steady your nerves, rid hangover, or get your day started?

C RAFFT

- **C:** Have you ever ridden in a **CAR** by someone (including yourself) who was high or was using alcohol or drugs?
- **R**: Do you ever use alcohol or drugs to **R**ELAX, feel better about yourself or fit in?
- **A:** Do you ever use alcohol or drugs while you are by yourself? (ALONE)
- **F**: Do your family or **F**RIENDS ever tell you that you should cut down on your drinking or drug use?
- **F**: Do you ever **F**ORGET things that you did while using alcohol or drugs?
- *T:* Have you gotten in *TROUBLE* while you were using alcohol or drugs?

AT-RISK DRINKING

PER WEEK PER OCCASION

MEN > 14 DRINKS > 4 DRINKS

WOMEN > 7 DRINKS > 3 DRINKS

AGE > 65 > 7 DRINKS > 3 DRINKS

Standard Drink = 12g of pure alcohol

1.5 oz of liquor 5 oz glass of wine 12 oz of beer







READINESS TO CHANGE RULER



SBIRT BRIEF NEGOTIATED INTERVIEW (BNI) STEPS

1. Screen patient	> (use NIAAA, CAGE or CRAFFT)
2. Raise subject	➤ Hello, I am Would you mind taking a few minutes to talk with me about your alcohol/ drug use? << PAUSE>>
3. Provide feedback	
Review screen	➤ From what I understand you are drinking/using
	[insert screening data] We know that drinking above certain levels can cause problems, such as [insert facts]I am concerned about your drinking/drug use.
Make connection	➤ What connection (if any) do you see between your
	drinking/ drug use and this medical visit?
	If patient sees connection:
	reiterate what patient has said
	If patient does not see connection:
Show NIAAA guidelines	make one using facts ➤ These are what we consider the upper limits of low
& norms	risk drinking for your age and sex. By low risk we
a norms	mean that you would be less likely to experience
	illness or injury if you stayed within these
	guidelines.
4. Enhance motivation	
Readiness to change	> [Show readiness ruler] On a scale from 1-10,
	how ready are you to change any aspect of
	your drinking or seek treatment?
Develop discrepancy	➤ If patient says:
	≥2 ask Why did you choose that number and
	not a lower one?;
	<u><1</u> or unwilling, ask What would make this a problem for you?How important would it be for you to prevent that from happening? Have you ever done anything you wish you
	hadn't while drinking? Discuss pros & cons.
5. Negotiate & advise	
Negotiate goal	Reiterate what patient says in Step 3 and say, What's the next step?
Give advice	➤ If you can stay within these limits you will be less
	likely to experience [further] illness or injury related
	to alcohol/drug use.
Summarize	➤ This is what I've heard you sayHere is a
	drinking/treatment agreement I would like you to fill
	out, reinforcing your new drinking or treatment goals. This is really an agreement between you
	and yourself.
Provide handouts	> Provide:
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	- Patient general health information handout
Suggest PC f/u	➤ Suggest f/u to discuss drinking/ drug use
Thank patient	➤ Thank patient for his/her time