The Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test: Self-Report Version

PATIENT: Because alcohol use can affect your health and can interfere with certain medications and treatments, it is important that we ask some questions about your use of alcohol. Your answers will remain confidential so please be honest. Place an X in one box that best describes your answer to each question.

Questions	0	1	2	3	4	
 How often do you have a drink containing alcohol? 	Never	Monthly or less	2-4 times a month	2-3 times a week	4 or more times a week	
 How many drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day when you are drinking? 	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 to 9	10 or more	
 How often do you have six or more drinks on one occasion? 	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
4. How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
 How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking? 	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
6. How often during the last year have you needed a first drink in the morning to get yourself going after a heavy drinking session?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
 How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking? 	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
8. How often during the last year have you been unable to remem- ber what happened the night before because of your drinking?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
 Have you or someone else been injured because of your drinking? 	No		Yes, but not in the last year		Yes, during the last year	
10. Has a relative, friend, doctor, or other health care worker been concerned about your drinking or suggested you cut down?	No		Yes, but not in the last year		Yes, during the last year	
					Total	

The AUDIT full screen aligns with the AUDIT form available on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) website.¹ The World Health Organization (WHO) maintains the official guidance, *AUDIT: the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test: guidelines for use in primary health care*,² for this tool. Providers must fully review the guidance if they are using this form. The guidance has detailed information on the AUDIT's purpose, administration, and appropriate interventions.

Scoring of the AUDIT³

Risk Level	Intervention	AUDIT score*			
Zone I	Alcohol Education	0-7			
Zone II	Simple Advice	8-15			
Zone III	Simple Advice plus Brief Counseling and Continued Monitoring	16-19			
Zone IV	Referral to Specialist for Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment	20-40			
* The AUDIT cut-off score may vary slightly depending on the country's drinking patterns, the alcohol content of standard drinks, and the nature of the screening program. Clinical judgment should be exercised in cases where the patient's score is not consistent with other evidence, or if the patient has a prior history of alcohol dependence. It may also be instructive to review the patient's responses to individual questions dealing with dependence symp- toms (Questions 4, 5 and 6) and alcohol-related problems (Questions 9 and 10). Provide the next highest level of intervention to patients who score 2 or more on Questions 4, 5 and 6, or 4 on Questions 9 or 10.					

³ The scoring table copied from page 22 of the English language version of the WHO guidance:

¹ <u>https://www.samhsa.gov/resource/dbhis/alcohol-use-disorders-identification-test-audit</u>

² <u>https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/audit-the-alcohol-use-disorders-identification-test-guidelines-for-use-in-primary-health-care</u>

https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/67205/WHO_MSD_MSB_01.6a.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y