



# Overview of the TAAD Instrument for ADSAC Assessors

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The average impaired driver has driven under the influence between **300 & 2,000** times before his or her first arrest.

W. White 2003  
<http://cspl.uis.edu/LAPS/Research/index.htm>

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How many people in ADSAC classes do you believe are **actual first-time offenders?**

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**Doing Time**  
**vs.**  
**Doing Change**

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# The Issue of Mandated Clients

Where do they come from and why don't they want to be here?

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## What is an Assessment?

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Assessment – a process of evaluating and **determining an appropriate level of intervention** based on information obtained from the client in a personal interview and from other sources, which may include substance use screening instruments.

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# Overriding Principles



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Clinicians determine diagnoses  
– assessment instruments don't



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Clinicians make decisions  
– tools don't



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Instruments are tools to be used by clinicians to systematically gather information



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Clinicians should use all available information when making determinations, including assessment results, legal records and other corroborating information



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# TAAD

## Triage Assessment for Addictive Disorders

**TAAD™**  
Triage Assessment for Addictive Disorders  
Version 2.0 (Revised 10/12)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ (M) Male (F) Female  
Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ (1) African-American (2) White/Caucasian (3) Hispanic/Latino (4) Asian (5) Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Married (2) Single (3) Divorced (4) Widowed (5) Separated (6) Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Employment Status: \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Employed (2) Unemployed (3) Retired (4) Student (5) Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Answer to question regarding to:

4. Do you need larger amounts of alcohol/drugs to get the same effect?  
 No  
 Yes

5. During the past 12 months, have you used alcohol/drugs to get high or to feel good?  
 No  
 Yes (alcohol only)  
 Yes (drugs only)  
 Yes (both alcohol and drugs)

6. Have you frequently felt drinking/getting high?  
 No  
 Yes (alcohol only)  
 Yes (drugs only)  
 Yes (both alcohol and drugs)

7a. Have you occasionally been intoxicated?  
 No (Go to # 8)  
 Yes

7b. How often would you say you are intoxicated?  
 Once a day  
 Several times a week  
 Several times a month  
 Several times a year  
 Less than once a year

8. During the past 12 months, have you ever had a drinking or drug problem?  
 No  
 Yes (alcohol only)  
 Yes (drugs only)  
 Yes (both alcohol and drugs)

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10 minutes to administer  
(31 questions)

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4. Do you need larger amounts of alcohol to get the same effect as you once did?  
 No  
 Yes

5. During the past 12 months, have you used alcohol to get high or to feel good?  
 No  
 Yes (alcohol only)  
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 Yes (both alcohol and drugs)

6. Have you frequently had drinking getting high?  
 No  
 Yes (alcohol only)  
 Yes (drugs only)  
 Yes (both alcohol and drugs)

7a. Have you occasionally had blackouts?  
 No (Go to # 8)  
 Yes

7b. How often would you say you drink?  
 Once a day  
 Several times a week  
 Several times a month  
 Several times a year

8. During the past 12 months, have you had any of the following?  
 No  
 Yes (alcohol only)  
 Yes (drugs only)  
 Yes (both alcohol and drugs)

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Less than 5 minutes  
to score & interpret

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Four criteria for  
alcohol abuse

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## Seven criteria for alcohol dependence

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ (1) African-American  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Asian-American  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3) White-Caucasian  
\_\_\_\_\_ (4) Other

4. Do you need larger amounts of alcohol to get the same effect as you once did?  
 No  
 Yes

5. During the past 12 months, have you used alcohol to get you going in the morning?  
 No  
 Yes (alcohol only)  
 Yes (drugs only)  
 Yes (both alcohol and drugs)

6. Have you frequently had blackouts (losing consciousness) while drinking?  
 No  
 Yes (alcohol only)  
 Yes (drugs only)  
 Yes (both alcohol and drugs)

7a. Have you occasionally had withdrawal symptoms?  
 No (Go to # 8)  
 Yes

7b. How often would you experience withdrawal symptoms?  
 Once a day  
 Several times a week  
 Several times a month  
 Several times a year

8. During the past 12 months, have you continued to drink or use drugs despite knowing you have a problem?  
 No  
 Yes (alcohol only)  
 Yes (drugs only)  
 Yes (both alcohol and drugs)

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## Same content for other drugs collectively

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## Substance Dependence



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**Dependence has a biological basis and is not just a more serious form of abuse**

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**Dependence produces distinct and striking problem prevalences**

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**Dependence is a discrete syndrome of varying severity**

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**Dependence may be  
substance specific**

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**The prognosis for dependence  
is different than for abuse**

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**Substance  
Abuse**

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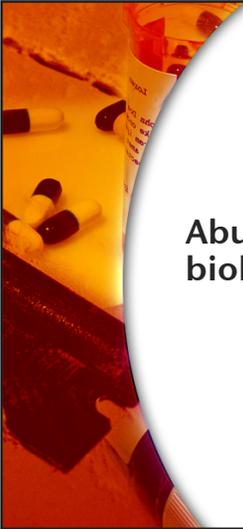
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**Abuse may not have a biological component**

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**Problem areas for abuse tend to be more limited than with dependence**

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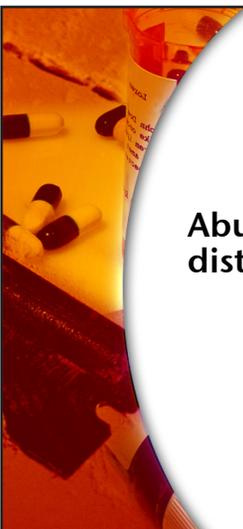
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**Abuse is diagnostically distinct from dependence**

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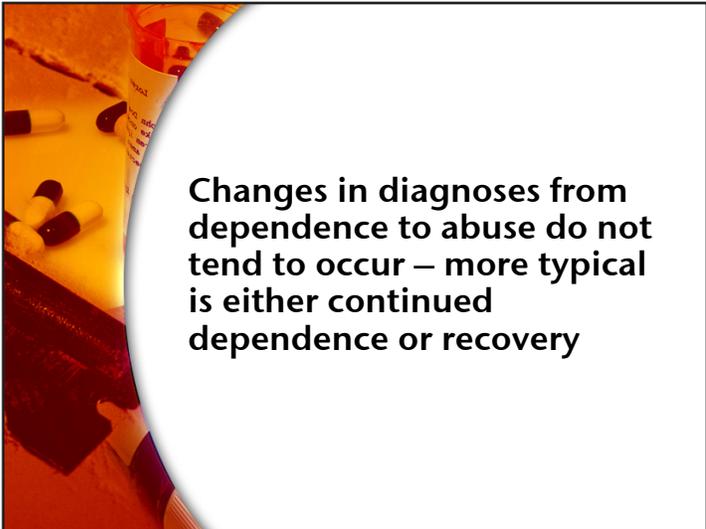
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Changes in diagnoses from dependence to abuse do not tend to occur – more typical is either continued dependence or recovery

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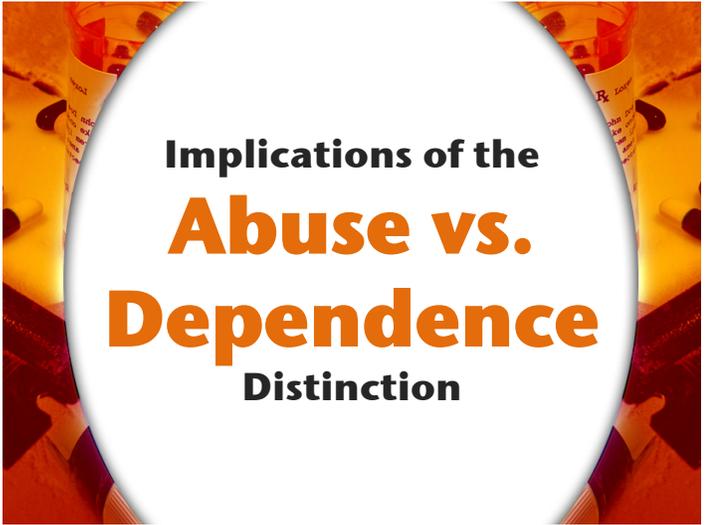
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Implications of the  
**Abuse vs. Dependence**  
Distinction

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**Dependent** individuals typically require more intensive and longer services

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**Dependent** individuals typically require abstinence for durable recovery

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**Abuse** cases are more likely to benefit from briefer interventions

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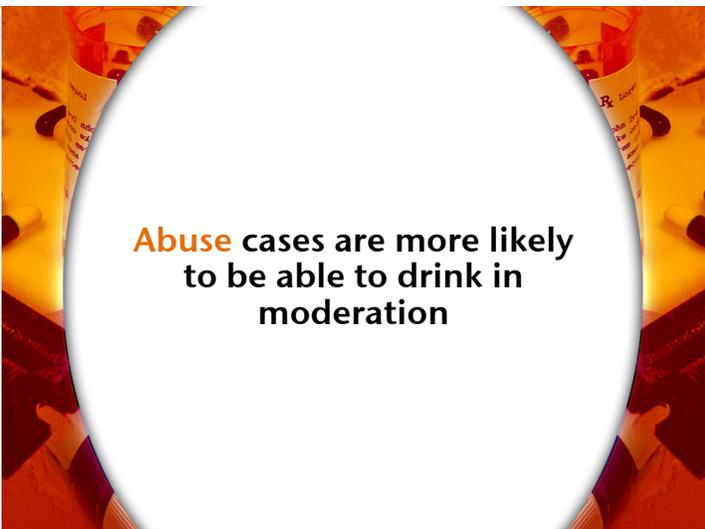
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**Abuse** cases are more likely to be able to drink in moderation

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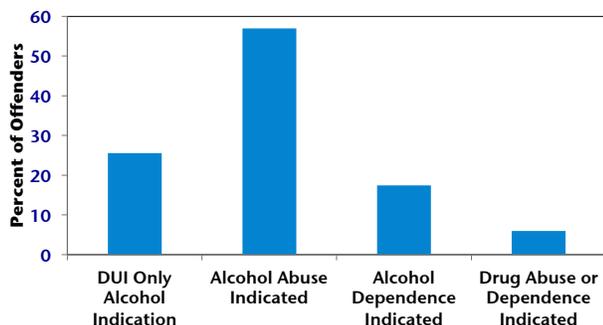
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### TAAD Diagnostic Indications for First-time DUI/DWI Offenders




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### TAAD Diagnostic Indications for First-time DUI/DWI Offenders

#### Interpretation

- Almost one in five first-time offenders provide indications of alcohol dependence
- About one in four first-time offenders present as a misusing drinker without other indications of abuse or dependence
- The majority (57%) have clear indications of alcohol abuse AND most of those also have some indication of alcohol dependence

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### TAAD Diagnostic Indications for First-time DUI/DWI Offenders

#### Detailed Diagnostic Indications

- 25.6% (128)** DUI only indication of abuse/dependence
- 9.4% (47)** Abuse without indication of dependence
- 47.6% (238)** Abuse plus 1-2 dependence criteria
- 9.2% (46)** Minimum dependence criteria (3) met
- 8.2% (41)** Definite dependence (4 or more dependence criteria + 2 or more abuse criteria)

n=500

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## TAAD Diagnostic Indications for First-time DUI/DWI Offenders

### Dependence Indications Among Abuse Group

- Some tolerance or unintended use among more common dependence indications for abuse
- Withdrawal (1.3%); wanting to stop (10.1%); sacrificing activities to use (8.0%); and psychological or medical contraindications (2.5%) are more substantial indications of serious problems

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## TAAD Diagnostic Indications for First-time DUI/DWI Offenders

### Mixed Results: Abuse +

- Tolerance as the sole dependence indication may not be significant
- Two or more positive abuse criteria plus one of the rarely occurring dependence criteria should raise concerns about possible dependence
- Two dependence indications plus more than two positive abuse criteria suggests probable dependence – further assessment may be needed

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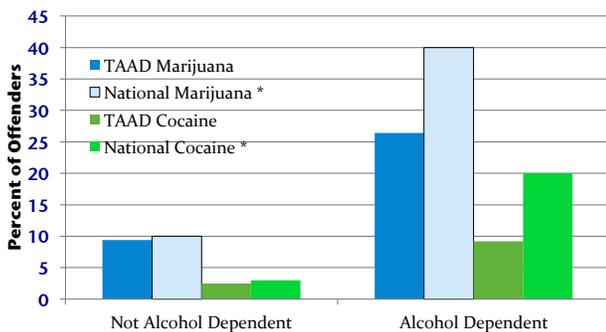
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## Prevalence of Other Drug Use TAAD vs. National Sample



\* From graph in NIDA Notes: Hedden, et al., 2010 in Drug & Alcohol Dependence

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## Prevalence of Other Drug Use TAAD vs. National Sample

### Implications of Drug Use

- Use of other drugs more common with alcohol-dependent individuals
- Marijuana most common drug used – about 10% nondependent vs. 25-40% of dependent
- Cocaine use unusual for those not dependent on alcohol – less than 5% of nondependent
- Use of multiple drugs provides even stronger evidence of probable dependence given at least alcohol abuse indications

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## Assessment Principles

### Key Assessment Principles

- Simple, direct, concrete questions
- Logical, natural flow
- Friendly, neutral tone
- Matter-of-fact or presumptive wording
- Minimal probing on initial interview

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## Assessment Principles

### Making Denial an Ally

- Denial can be an ally in that most individuals accurately report behaviors and experiences because they consider them normal or typical
- Focusing on concrete experiences minimizes distortions, false reporting and rationalizations
- Using a number of specific questions allows almost all individuals to say “no” to some items, increasing their comfort with the interview
- Asking value-laden or interpretive questions tends to generate distortion and minimization

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# Preliminary look at **TAAD-5**

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## **DSM-5 Alcohol Use Disorder**

1. Substance taken in larger amounts over a longer period than intended.
2. Persistent desire to cut down or control usage.
3. Significant time spent obtaining, using & recovering from substance use.
4. Use resulting in failure to fulfill major role obligations.

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## **DSM-5 Alcohol Use Disorder**

5. Continued use despite recurrent social or interpersonal problems.
6. Social, occupational or recreational activities given up or reduced.
7. Use in situations that are physically hazardous.
8. Continued use despite known recurrent physical or psychological problems likely caused by use.

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## DSM-5 Alcohol Use Disorder

- 9. Tolerance: Use more same effect and/or effects diminished with same amount.
- 10. Withdrawal symptoms (Criteria A & B for withdrawal).
- 11. Craving or strong desire or urge to use.

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**0–1 criteria = No diagnosis**

**2–3 criteria = Mild substance use disorder**

**4–5 criteria = Moderate substance use disorder**

**6+ criteria = Severe substance use disorder**

**Severity Scale**

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## TAAD-5

### Preview

Q #	Indication	Alcohol or Drug	Criterion
1&2b	4+ days/wk & 5+ drinks	A	3
2a	Fifth/day	A	9
2b	7+ drinks per occasion	A	9
2c	Tolerance for alcohol	A	9

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**TAAD-5**

**Preview**

3	Drug use 2+ days/week	D	3
4	Tolerance for drugs	D	9
5	Relieve emotional distress	A/D	UNCOPE
6	Preoccupation	A/D	UNCOPE
7	Drank more (than intended)	A	1

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**TAAD-5**

**Preview**

8	Set rule to limit use	A/D	2
9	Unable to stop	A/D	2
10	Withdrawal	A/D	10
11a	Drink for hangover	A	10
11b	Drug use for withdrawal	D	10

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**TAAD-5**

**Preview**

12	Physical problem	A/D	8
13	Continued use – med.	A/D	8
14	Emotional problems	A/D	8
15	Neglect responsibilities	A/D	4
16	Objections to use	A/D	5

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**TAAD-5**

**Preview**

17	Arguments about use	A/D	5
18	Use damaged relationships	A/D	5
19	Missed work/school	A/D	6(4)*
20	Other work/school problems	A/D	4(6)*
21	Injury related to use	A/D	7

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**TAAD-5**

**Preview**

22	Motor vehicle accident	A/D	7
23	Driven under the influence	A/D	7
24	Craving	A/D	11
25	Use related to arrest	A/D	---*
26	Unintended use	A/D	1

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**TAAD-5**

**Preview**

27	Extended intoxication	A/D	3
28	Compulsion to use	A/D	11
29	20+ hours/week of use	A/D	3
30	Reduced activities	A/D	6
31	Unintended time using	A/D	1

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