



Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT)

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Resource summary: This validated screening tool was designed by WHO to assess alcohol misuse. The modified version is useful for screening older adults, using a lower cutoff score than used for general adult populations. The adapted provider interview and client self-report versions are included here.

Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT): Interview Version

Read questions as written. Record answers carefully. Begin the AUDIT by saying “Now I am going to ask you some questions about your use of alcoholic beverages during this past year.” Explain what is meant by “alcoholic beverages” by using local examples of beer, wine, vodka, etc. Code answers in terms of “standard drinks.” Place the correct answer number in the box at the right.

<p>1. How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?</p> <p>(0) Never [Skip to Qs 9-10] (1) Monthly or less (2) 2 to 4 times a month (3) 2 to 3 times a week (4) 4 or more times a week</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>	<p>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?</p> <p>(0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>
<p>2. How many drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day when you are drinking?</p> <p>(0) 1 or 2 (1) 3 or 4 (2) 5 or 6 (3) 7, 8, or 9 (4) 10 or more</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>	<p>7. How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking?</p> <p>(0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>
<p>3. How often do you have six or more drinks on one occasion?</p> <p>(0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily</p> <p><i>Skip to Questions 9 and 10 if Total Score for Questions 2 and 3 = 0</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>	<p>8. How often during the last year have you been unable to remember what happened the night before because you had been drinking?</p> <p>(0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>
<p>4. How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started?</p> <p>(0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>	<p>9. Have you or someone else been injured as a result of your drinking?</p> <p>(0) No (2) Yes, but not in the last year (4) Yes, during the last year</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>
<p>5. How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected from you because of drinking?</p> <p>(0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>	<p>10. Has a relative or friend or a doctor or another health worker been concerned about your drinking or suggested you cut down?</p> <p>(0) No (2) Yes, but not in the last year (4) Yes, during the last year</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="text"/></p>
Record total of specific items here	
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Scoring: The cutoff score indicating hazardous and harmful alcohol use for the AUDIT is generally 8; however, for older adults a score of 5 indicates a need for clarifying questions and further assessment.¹⁴⁵¹

Adapted from Barbor et al. (2001).¹⁴⁵²