

Screening Adolescents for Alcohol and Drugs

During the past year (or since I last saw you) have you:

1. **Drank** any alcohol (more than a few sips)?
2. **Smoked** any marijuana or hashish?
3. **Used** any other drug to get high?

(By other drug I mean street drugs like Ecstasy or cocaine; inhalants like glue or paint thinner; over-the-counter drugs like DXM; or prescription drugs like OxyContin or Klonopin that you did not take the way a doctor prescribed.)

All NO



Ask CAR questions only

All YES

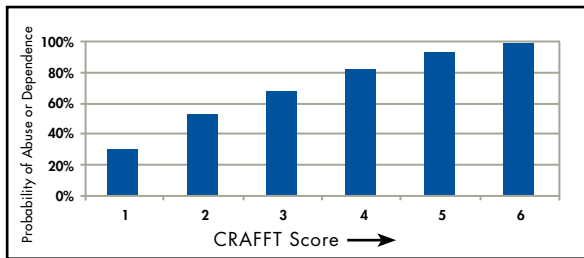


*CRAFT Screen (below)

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

*Two or more yes answers on the CRAFT suggest a serious problem and a need for further assessment. © Copyright, Children's Hospital Boston, 2001. All Rights Reserved. Referral Information for Comprehensive Assessment: Adolescent Substance Abuse Program at Children's Hospital Boston (617) 355-ASAP (2727)

Probability of a Substance Abuse/Dependence Diagnosis Based on CRAFFT Score



DSM-IV Diagnostic Criteria (Abbreviated from DSM-IV)

Substance Abuse (1 or more of the following):

- Use causes failure to fulfill obligations at work, school, home
- Recurrent use in hazardous situation (e.g., driving)
- Recurrent legal problems
- Continued use despite recurrent problems

Substance Dependence (3 or more of the following):

- Tolerance
- Withdrawal
- Substance taken in larger amount or over longer period of time than planned
- Unsuccessful efforts to cut down or quit
- Great deal of time spent to obtain substance or recover from effect
- Important activities given up because of substance
- Continued use despite harmful consequences



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