Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test-Concise (AUDIT-C)

Category: Addiction | Items: 3 | Time: ~1 min

Description / When to Use

3-item brief version of AUDIT for quick alcohol screening in clinical settings.

Instructions for Respondent

Please read each statement carefully and respond based on how you have felt over the specified time period. There are 3 items in this scale. Estimated completion time: 1 minutes.

Scale Items

[Full item list not shown in this educational summary. Please refer to the original publication for complete items.]

Response Options

Please refer to the original publication for specific response options.

Scoring Guide

Sum 3 items scored 0-4 (or 0-12 depending on gender for item 3). Total range 0-12. Women >= 4, Men >= 5 = hazardous.

Cutoff Interpretation

Score Range	Severity	Recommended Action
0-3	Low risk	None
4-5	Hazardous (women)	Brief intervention
5-12	Hazardous (men)	Brief intervention

Psychometric Properties

Cronbach's alpha: 0.80 | Test-retest reliability: 0.78
Validity: Sensitivity 95% for heavy drinking and active alcohol use disorders.

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