

UNCOPE Plus: Substance Use Disorder Screen

1. How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?

- (0) Never
- (1) Monthly or less (3) 2 to 3 times a week
- (2) 2 to 4 times a month (4) 4 or more times a week

2. How many drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day when you are drinking?

- (0) 1 or 2
- (1) 3 or 4 (3) 7, 8, or 9
- (2) 5 or 6 (4) 10 or more

3. How often do you have five or more drinks on one occasion?

- (0) Never
- (1) Less than monthly (3) Weekly
- (2) Monthly (4) Daily or almost daily

4. How often do you use marijuana, any other drug, or prescription medication to get high?

- (0) Never
- (1) Monthly or less (3) 2 to 3 times a week
- (2) 2 to 4 times a month (4) 4 or more times a week

5. Have you spent more time drinking or using drugs than you intended to?

- (0) No
- (1) Yes

6. Have you ever neglected some of your usual responsibilities because of drinking or using drugs?

- (0) No
- (1) Yes

7. Have you felt you wanted or needed to cut down on your drinking or drug use in the last year?

- (0) No
- (1) Yes

8. Has anyone objected to your drinking or drug use?

- (0) No
- (1) Yes

9. Have you found yourself thinking a lot about drinking or using drugs?

- (0) No
- (1) Yes

10. Have you ever used alcohol or drugs to relieve emotional discomfort, such as sadness, anger, or boredom?

- (0) No
- (1) Yes

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SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERPRETATION AND FEEDBACK TO RESPONDENT

The following scores and recommendations should be based on the highest score or algorithm met. This is only a draft to suggest a model and is not intended to represent the scoring or recommendation criteria to be adopted. Those wishing to provide feedback on the UNCOPE-Plus findings are advised to collect data to validate the appropriateness of the interpretation and feedback based on the population for which the screening is intended.

SCORING

Alcohol use scale (Items 1-3)

1. Level of use modest (Items 2 + 3 = 0)
2. Use may exceed recommended level
For males: ((Item 1 = 4 AND Item 2 > 1) OR (Item 1 >1 AND Item 2 > 2))
3. Potentially hazardous use ((Item 1 > 0 AND Item 2 > 2) OR (Item 3 > 1))
4. Potentially harmful level of use (Total of Items 1-3 = 10+) OR (Item 1 > 1 AND Item 2 = 4)

Drug use scale (Item 4)

Diagnostic indications (UNCOPE):

1. No problem indicated (UNCOPE score < 3)
2. Some risk for substance abuse/misuse (UNCOPE score >2)
3. Indications of substance abuse (Items 5 & 7 both positive and total UNCOPE score = 3+)
4. Indications of possible substance dependence (Items 6 & 8 both positive and UNCOPE score = 3+)
5. Strong indication of substance dependence (Items 5-8 all positive and UNCOPE score = 4+)

ADVICE (Partial feedback statements bolded)

Drinking seems to be within normal limits (Alcohol use scale = 1 and UNCOPE score <3)

Drug use although not frequent may be a source of legal or other problems (Item 4 = 2; UNCOPE score < 3)

Comment that drug use seems frequent and should be reduced (Item 4 > 2)

Advised to reduce alcohol use (Alcohol use > 1 and either Item 2 > 1 or Item 3 >1 AND UNCOPE score <3)
(For females, Item 2 > 0 may be used as this could indicate possible intoxication)

Strongly advise to try reducing alcohol use (Alcohol use score > 2)

Suggest **possible need for counseling for alcohol if unable to reduce alcohol use** (Alcohol use scale > 2 and UNCOPE score > 2); **possible need for counseling for drugs if unable to reduce drug use** (and/or Drug use [Item 4] > 2 and UNCOPE score > 2) Suggest **help to reduce both alcohol and drug use** if both previous conditions are met (i.e. Alcohol use scale > 2 and drug use [Item 4] > 2 and UNCOPE score > 2)

Suggest an evaluation ((Alcohol use > 2 and/or Drug use > 2) and UNCOPE score > 3)

Suggest need for assessment at a treatment provider

((Alcohol use scale > 3 and/or Drug use [Item 4] >3) and UNCOPE score > 4)