

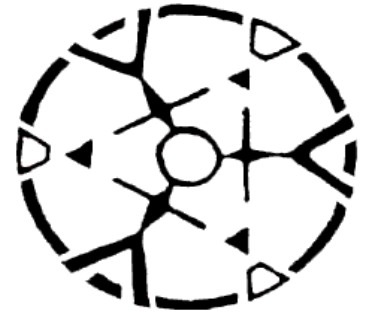
Alcohol Abuse Screen:
CAGE Questions

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Date:

Screener:

Client:



- Y** **N** Have you ever felt the need to **CUT DOWN** on drinking?
- Y** **N** Have you ever felt **ANNOYED** by criticism of your drinking?
- Y** **N** Have you ever had **GUILTY** feelings about your drinking?
- Y** **N** Do you ever take a morning **EYE OPENER** (a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or get rid of a hangover)?

** This screen allows a quick look at the need for further assessment. It is not for definitive diagnosis.

Scoring:

Yes to **ANY ONE** questions suggest the need for a closer screening.

Yes to **AT LEAST 2** question has a high correlation with patients diagnosed with alcoholism.

Yes to **MORE THAN 2** Question should be referred for A complete Substance Abuse Assessment by a professional.

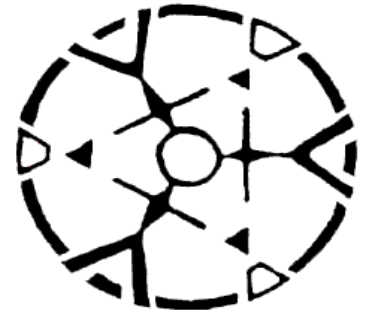
Reference: *Fiellin DA; Reid MC; O'Connor PG SO Arch Intern Med 2000 Jul 10;160(13);1977-89.*

Sensitivity 0.53 /
Specificity 0.93 when a combined target of alcohol abuse, dependence and harmful drinking was the goal of screening.



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Documentation Examples:

On, **[DATE]**, at **[TIME]**, social worker presented the CAGE Alcohol Abuse Screen to the patient. Patient responded negatively to all four questions. No collateral information was available. No further screening appears necessary.

On, **[DATE]**, at **[TIME]**, social worker presented the CAGE Alcohol Abuse Screen to the patient. Patient responded “YES” to one questions. Patient should be given a referral to a substance abuse professional for further screening.

On, **[DATE]**, at **[TIME]**, social worker presented the CAGE Alcohol Abuse Screen to the patient. Patient responded “YES” to two of the questions. Patient responses indicate a significant likelihood of alcohol abuse or history of abuse. Patient should be referred to a substance abuse professional for further assessment.

On, **[DATE]**, at **[TIME]**, social worker presented the CAGE Alcohol Abuse Screen to the patient. Patient responded “YES” to three of the questions. Patient responses indicate a clear need for a referral to a substance abuse professional for further assessment.

