

# The CRAFFT Screening Interview

**Begin: “I’m going to ask you a few questions that I ask all my patients. Please be honest. I will keep your answers confidential.”**

## Part A

**During the PAST 12 MONTHS, did you:**

**No Yes**

1. Drink any alcohol (more than a few sips)?  
(Do not count sips of alcohol taken during family or religious events.)

2. Smoke any marijuana or hashish?

3. Use anything else to get high?    
 (“anything else” includes illegal drugs, over the counter and prescription drugs, and things that you sniff or “huff”)

**For clinic use only: Did the patient answer “yes” to any questions in Part A?**

No

Yes

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**Ask CAR question only, then stop**

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**Ask all 6 CRAFFT questions**

## Part B

**No Yes**

1. Have you ever ridden in a CAR driven by someone (including yourself) who was “high” or had been using alcohol or drugs?

2. Do you ever use alcohol or drugs to RELAX, feel better about yourself, or fit in?

3. Do you ever use alcohol or drugs while you are by yourself, or ALONE?

4. Do you ever FORGET things you did while using alcohol or drugs?

5. Do your FAMILY or FRIENDS ever tell you that you should cut down on your drinking or drug use?

6. Have you ever gotten into TROUBLE while you were using alcohol or drugs?

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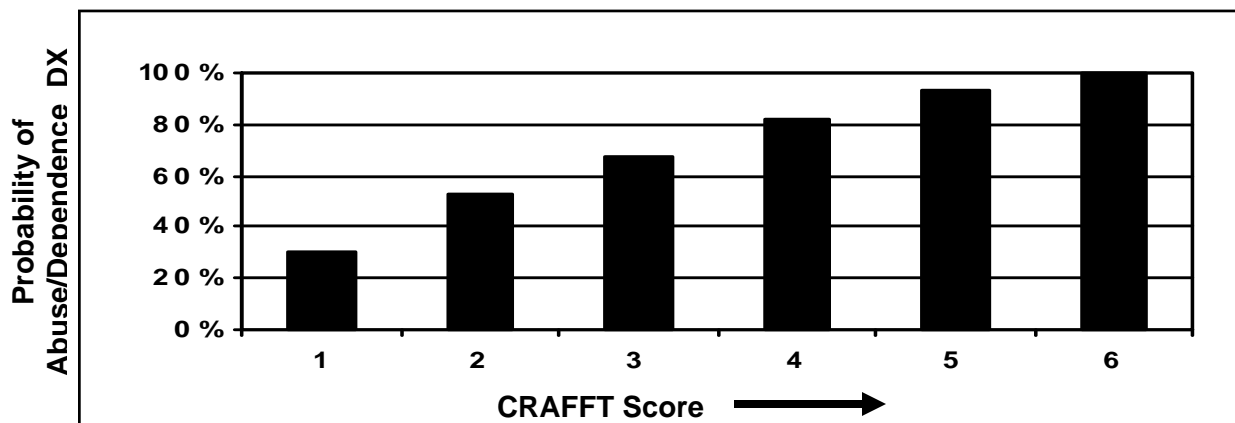
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## SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: FOR CLINIC STAFF USE ONLY

CRAFFT Scoring: Each “yes” response in **Part B** scores 1 point.  
A total score of 2 or higher is a positive screen, indicating a need for additional assessment.

### Probability of Substance Abuse/Dependence Diagnosis Based on CRAFFT Score<sup>1,2</sup>



### DSM-IV Diagnostic Criteria<sup>3</sup> (Abbreviated)

#### Substance Abuse (1 or more of the following):

- Use causes failure to fulfill obligations at work, school, or home
- Recurrent use in hazardous situations (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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