

Name of Tool:	Substance Abuse Questionnaire (SAQ)
Author/Publisher (Year)	Lindeman/Behavior Data Systems Ltd. (1985/1989)

Description:	<p>The SAQ is a 153-item, self report actuarial assessment intended for use with individuals who are suspected of having or known to have substance abuse disorders. The SAQ is used to identify risk and subsequent supervision levels.</p> <p>The items comprise six scales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truthfulness • Resistance • Aggressiveness • Alcohol • Drug and • Stress Coping Abilities <p>Scores are used to classify risk into four categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Risk • Medium Risk • Problem Risk and • Severe Problem <p>These classifications, along with clinical judgment, are used to inform treatment recommendations.</p> <p>Truthfulness Scale detects probationer denial, problem minimization, and response bias.</p> <p>Test administration requires 25-30 minutes and can be completed using traditional paper/pencil methods or using a computer.</p> <p>Demonstrated reliability and validity.</p>
Tool Development	Summaries of scientific findings are available for download.
General Notes:	<p>Substance Abuse Questionnaire-Short Form is a derivative of this instrument</p> <p>Computerized assessment that provides clinicians with a printed report that includes percentile scores, risk classification, and item responses.</p> <p>Tests can be administered individually or in group settings.</p>