### Screening, Diagnosis and Referral for Substance Use Disorders

The following guideline recommends detection, diagnosis and referral considerations for substance use disorders, including alcohol.

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| Adolescents and adults, including pregnant patients and older adults | Screening for Substance Use Disorder and Risky Substance Use | Screen for alcohol use at every health maintenance exam and initial pregnancy visit (repeat as indicated). Maintain a high index of concern for substance use in persons with: • Family history of substance use disorder [B] • Recent stressful life events and lack of social supports • Chronic pain or illness; history of trauma, injuries or adverse childhood experiences • Mental illness (e.g., depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety) If at risk, screen by history for substance use at every health maintenance exam or initial pregnancy visit, using a validated screening tool!:
  - Adults: AUDIT-C DAST-10 NIDA Quick Screen CUDIT-R (cannabis)
  - Adolescents: CRAFFT Pregnant women: TWEAK | A = randomized controlled trials; B = controlled trials, no randomization; C = observational studies; D = opinion of expert panel |

### Diagnosing Substance Use Disorder

Diagnostic criteria include at least two of the following, occurring within a 12-month period:

*Level of severity: Mild 2-3 symptoms; Moderate 4-5 symptoms; Severe 6 or more symptoms*

- Use in larger amounts or over a longer period than intended
- Persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control use
- Great deal of time spent obtaining, using or recovering from use
- Craving or a strong desire or urge to use
- Recurrent use resulting in a failure to fulfill major work, school, or home obligations
- Continued use despite related social or interpersonal problems

If diagnosed with SUD or risky substance use, initiate an intervention within 14 days. Frequent follow-up is helpful to support behavior change; preferably 2 visits within 30 days. Provide feedback regarding risky use. Express concern, advise the patient to cut back on usage or quit, using motivational interviewing techniques. Use respectful and nonjudgmental language. Explore pros and cons and assess patient's readiness to change. Discuss the risk of substance use and its connection to current medical, psychological, legal and family problems. Negotiate goals and strategies for reducing consumption and other change. Create an action plan identifying patient strengths and supports, preferably involve family and friends. See MQIC opioid guideline.

### Patients with Substance Use Disorder or Risky Substance Use

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### Treatment and Referral

Treat or refer based on: PCP training/experience treating SUD, cross coverage, availability of community resources, and insurance. If moderate to severe SUD and no contraindications, consider initiating Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), with counseling. Refer to a substance abuse health specialist or program, an addiction physician specialist, or a physician experienced in pharmacologic management of addiction. Consider referral to community-based services (e.g., AA, NA). Online or app-based self-management support programs are also available.

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1. National Institute on Drug Abuse Screening and Assessment Tools Chart
2. SAMHSA Michigan Buprenorphine Physician Locator
3. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Substance Use, Problem Gambling, or Mental Health contact information
4. Partnership to End Addiction Risk Factors For Addiction

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