Substance Abuse Screening Instrument (04/05)

The Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST) was developed in 1982 and is still an excellent screening tool. It is a 28-item self-report scale that consists of items that parallel those of the Michigan Alcoholism Screening Test (MAST). The DAST has "exhibited valid psychometric properties" and has been found to be "a sensitive screening instrument for the abuse of drugs other than alcohol.

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Directions: The following questions concern information about your involvement with drugs. Drug abuse refers to (1) the use of prescribed or "over-the-counter" drugs in excess of the directions, and (2) any non-medical use of drugs. Consider the past year (12 months) and carefully read each statement. Then decide whether your answer is YES or NO and check the appropriate space. Please be sure to answer every question.

	YES	NO
1. Have you used drugs other than those required for medical reasons?	___	___
2. Have you abused prescription drugs?	___	___
3. Do you abuse more than one drug at a time?	___	___
4. Can you get through the week without using drugs (other than those required for medical reasons)?	___	___
5. Are you always able to stop using drugs when you want to?	___	___
6. Do you abuse drugs on a continuous basis?	___	___
7. Do you try to limit your drug use to certain situations?	___	___
8. Have you had "blackouts" or "flashbacks" as a result of drug use?	___	___
9. Do you ever feel bad about your drug abuse?	___	___
10. Does your spouse (or parents) ever complain about your involvement with drugs?	___	___
11. Do your friends or relatives know or suspect you abuse drugs?	___	___
12. Has drug abuse ever created problems between you and your spouse?	___	___
13. Has any family member ever sought help for problems related to your drug use?	___	___
14. Have you ever lost friends because of your use of drugs?	___	___
15. Have you ever neglected your family or missed work because of your use of drugs?	___	___
16. Have you ever been in trouble at work because of drug abuse?	___	___
17. Have you ever lost a job because of drug abuse?	___	___
18. Have you gotten into fights when under the influence of drugs?	___	___
19. Have you ever been arrested because of unusual behavior while under the influence of drugs?	___	___
20. Have you ever been arrested for driving while under the influence of drugs?	___	___
21. Have you engaged in illegal activities in order to obtain drug?	___	___
22. Have you ever been arrested for possession of illegal drugs?	___	___
23. Have you ever experienced withdrawal symptoms as a result of heavy drug intake?	___	___
24. Have you had medical problems as a result of your drug use (e.g., memory loss, hepatitis, convulsions, bleeding, etc.)?	___	___
25. Have you ever gone to anyone for help for a drug problem?	___	___
26. Have you ever been in a hospital for medical problems related to your drug use?	___	___
27. Have you ever been involved in a treatment program specifically related to drug use?	___	___
28. Have you been treated as an outpatient for problems related to drug abuse?	___	___

Patient Name:_____ **Date**:_____

Counselor:_____ **Date**:_____