

The CRAFFT Screening Interview

The CRAFFT is a behavioral health screening tool for use with children under the age of 21 and is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Substance Abuse for use with adolescents. It consists of a series of six questions developed to screen adolescents for high-risk alcohol and other drug use disorders simultaneously. It is a short, effective screening tool meant to assess whether a longer conversation about the context of use, frequency, and other risks and consequences of alcohol and other drug use is warranted. The questions should be asked exactly as written.

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: Ask CAR question only, then stop. Yes: 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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<p>Scores 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.</p>		
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