



## DSM-IV Criteria for Substance Use Disorders

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### Substance Abuse

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When any one of A and both B and C are "yes," a definite diagnosis of abuse is made

- | A. Has the client experienced the following?                                    | <u>No</u> | <u>Yes</u> |
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| 1. Recurrent failure to meet important responsibilities due to use?             | _____     | _____      |
| 2. Recurrent use in situations when this is likely to be physically dangerous?  | _____     | _____      |
| 3. Recurrent legal problems arising from use                                    | _____     | _____      |
| 4. Continued to use despite recurrent problems aggravated by the substance use: | _____     | _____      |
| B. These symptoms have occurred within a 12 month period                        |           | Yes _____  |
| C. Client had <i>never</i> met the criteria for dependence                      |           | Yes _____  |

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### Substance Dependence

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When any three of A and B are "yes," a definite diagnosis of dependence is made

- | A. Has the client experienced the following?  | <u>No</u> | <u>Yes</u> |
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| 1. tolerance (needing more to become intoxicated or discovering less effect with same amount)   | _____     | _____      |
| 2. *withdrawal (characteristic withdrawal associated with type of drug)                         | _____     | _____      |
| 3. Using more or for longer periods than intended?  | _____     | _____      |
| 4. Desire to or unsuccessful efforts to cut down?   | _____     | _____      |
| 5. Considerable time spent in obtaining the substance or using, or recovering from its effects? | _____     | _____      |
| 6. Important social, work, or recreational activities given up because of use?                  | _____     | _____      |
| 7. Continued use despite knowledge of problems caused by or aggravated by use.                  | _____     | _____      |
| A. Are three or more of the above positive?   |           | yes _____  |
| B. Have these positive items been present during the same 12 month period?                      |           | yes _____  |

Note: A clear cut withdrawal syndrome is not present with some classes of drugs: caffeine, phencyclidine, or hallucinogens.