

Opioid Risk Tool

This tool should be administered to patients upon an initial visit prior to beginning opioid therapy for pain management. A score of 3 or lower indicated low risk for future opioid abuse, a score of 4 to 7 indicated moderate risk for opioid abuse, and a score of 8 or higher indicated a high risk for opioid abuse.

| Mark each box that applies | Female | Male |
|--|--------|------|
| Family history of substance abuse | | |
| Alcohol | 1 | 3 |
| Illegal drugs | 2 | 3 |
| Rx drugs | 4 | 4 |
| Personal history of substance abuse | | |
| Alcohol | 3 | 3 |
| Illegal drugs | 4 | 4 |
| Rx drugs | 5 | 5 |
| Age between 16–45 years | 1 | 1 |
| History of preadolescent sexual abuse | 3 | 0 |
| Psychological disease | | |
| ADD, OCD, bipolar, schizophrenia | 2 | 2 |
| Depression | 1 | 1 |
| Scoring totals | | |

Questionnaire developed by Lynn R. Webster, MD to assess risk of opioid addiction.

Webster LR, Webster R. Predicting aberrant behaviors in Opioid-treated patients: preliminary validation of the Opioid risk tool. *Pain Med.* 2005; 6(6): 432.