

Drug Abuse

Many legal and illegal drugs have abuse and addiction potential. These include narcotics (such as codeine, morphine, heroin), cocaine, amphetamines, methamphetamines, marijuana, LSD, tranquilizers (such as Valium), barbiturates, inhalants, and anabolic steroids - among many others. Drug addiction is a pattern of misuse characterized by a loss of control, compulsive use, or use despite negative consequences. It is often manifested by tolerance and/or withdrawal. Tolerance means that more and more of the drug is needed to get to the same high (common in narcotics and tranquilizer abuse).

Withdrawal means that the addicted person gets very sick when trying to stop the drug (also common in narcotic and tranquilizer abuse). Dangers of drug abuse to physical and mental health include trauma, sudden cardiac death from arrhythmias and heart attacks, respiratory arrest, seizure, stroke, depression, anxiety, psychosis and delirium. Dangers to social health include job and financial loss, family and marital disruption, and legal entanglements.

If your client has a history of drug abuse treatment, please answer the following:

1. What was the date of initial treatment or diagnosis

2. What drug(s) were used or abused? _____

3. Were there any relapses from sobriety/abstinence?

If yes, please list dates _____

4. Were there any legal problems (such as DUI or other)?

If yes (Please give details) _____

4. Have there been physical complications or additional psychiatric problems?

If yes, please give details _____

5. Please list current medications:)

7. What is your client's current level of alcohol Consumption? _____

8. Does your client currently participate in a group such as Narcotics Anonymous? Yes Or No

9. Has your client smoked cigarettes or any other form of tobacco in the last 5 years? If yes, please give details _____

10. Does your client have any other major health problems (ex: cancer, diabetes, ulcers, etc.)? If yes (Please give details)
