

DRUGS AND DRUG USERS' PROBLEMS PERCEPTIONS QUESTIONNAIRE (VALIDATED VERSION)

To which professional group do you belong? *[These categories have been modified from the original version]*

Psychiatrist__ Nurse__ Addiction Counselor__ Social Worker ____ Psychologist ____ Peer Counselor __

What is your clinical specialty? _____ **How long have you held this post?** _____

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about working with people who use illicit or legal drugs in a non-therapeutic way.

| PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER FOR EACH QUESTION | | Strongly Agree | | | | Strongly Disagree | | |
|--|---|----------------|---|---|---|-------------------|---|---|
| 1. | I feel I have a working knowledge of drugs and drug related problems. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 2. | I feel I know enough about the causes of drug problems to carry out my role when working with drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 3. | I feel I know enough about the physical effects of drug use to carry out my role when working with drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 4. | I feel I know enough about the psychological effects of drugs to carry out my role when working with drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 5. | I feel I know enough about the factors which put people at risk of developing drug problems to carry out my role when working with drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 6. | I feel I know how to counsel drug users over the long term. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 7. | I feel I can appropriately advise my patients/clients about drugs and their effects. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8. | I feel I have the right to ask patients/clients questions about their drug use when necessary. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 9. | I feel that my patients/clients believe I have the right to ask them questions about drug use when necessary. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 10. | I feel I have the right to ask a patient for any information that is relevant to their drug problems. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 11. | If I felt the need when working with drug users I could easily find someone with whom I could discuss any personal difficulties that I might encounter. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 12. | If I felt the need when working with drug users I could easily find someone who would help me clarify my professional responsibilities. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

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| 13. | If I felt the need I could easily find someone who would be able to help me formulate the best approach to a drug user. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 14. | I want to work with drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 15. | I feel that there is little I can do to help drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 16. | In general, I have less respect for drug users than for most other patients/clients I work with. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 17. | I feel I do not have much to be proud of when working with drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 18. | At times I feel I am no good at all with drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 19. | On the whole, I am satisfied with the way I work with drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 20. | In general, one can get satisfaction from working with drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 21. | In general, it is rewarding to work with drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 22. | In general, I feel I can understand drug users. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

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