

THE ALCOHOL DRUG EVALUATION



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The alcohol evaluation is required by the court (and the DOL – if you lost your license) and can have a significant impact on your case. Please take it seriously! It is our objective to prepare you as best we can so that you can anticipate what to expect and get the most fair and reasonable evaluation possible (meaning, the least severe). The evaluation follows the guidelines set forth by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).

The focus on the evaluation will be to determine if you have either a substance abuse problem or if you are risk for developing alcohol/drug-related problems. If the evaluation determines that neither of these is present, then you will be determined to have “No Significant Problem” and will not need treatment (you will still need to do the 8-hour Alcohol Drug Information School, however).

DO NOT CONSUME MARIJUANA FOR 30 DAYS • SIGN A RELEASE TO US ONLY

MAIN CONCERNS FOR EVALUATORS

Family History

If you have family members (related by blood) who are/were alcohol/drug dependent the treatment center will believe you are genetically predisposed to addiction.

History of Your Drinking

There is a belief that if you first consume alcohol or drugs by the age of 15, you are more likely to have a dependence issues. Over the age of 15, you are less likely to have a dependence issue. Also, if you previously had an alcohol drug problem there is a belief that you need a more extensive form of treatment.

Alcohol Consumption

The more you drink and the more often you drink the more likely you will need treatment. Two days a week of consuming alcohol and two drink per time is considered acceptable (but not more than that!)

BAC or Blood Draw

With alcohol consumption a level over 0.15 is concerning. Talk to us about strategy if your BAC (or drug levels) are high

Criminal History

Any related criminal history, such as a prior DUI, drug possession or MIP, will count against you.

UA

You will be required to submit to a urinalysis – testing for alcohol and drugs in your system.

Keys for the Best Results

- No family history of dependence
- First alcohol | drug experience after the age of 15 years
- Never had a dependence problem
- Drink no more than twice/week
- Drink no more than 2 drinks/time
- No alcohol/drug related criminal history
- BAC under 0.15

Possible Diagnosis

- No Significant Problem (NSP) (ADIS);
- Early Intervention (ADIS plus 12 hours of classes); Level I- Outpatient (1 treatment session per week for 5/6 months);
- Level II –Intensive Outpatient treatment sessions per week for several months followed up by after care for several more months

TALK TO US BEFORE YOUR EVALUATION