Alert trigger†: No initial alcohol screen or AUDIT documented in the past year

User type*: Nurses

Encounter Type: Office visit

Alcohol screening indicated

Administer screen, document results

Links:
DocFlowsheet: Initial Alcohol Screening
Printable Initial Alcohol Screen

Screening question 1:
“Do you sometimes drink beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages?”

Yes

Screening question 2:
(for women and anyone ≥65) “How many times in the past year have you had 4 or more drinks in a day?”
OR
(for men <65) “How many times in the past year have you had 5 or more drinks in a day?”

Positive screen (≥1 times)
Ask patient to complete the AUDIT (paper screening tool)

Negative screen (0 times/none)

No

2nd question is NA (not applicable)

Button: Initial Alcohol Screen Complete (suppresses for 72 hours for reporting purposes if responses entered in flowsheet)

Button: Delay—Other clinical priorities (suppresses for 6 weeks)

Button: Patient declines (suppresses for 1 year)

Select reason/action

Alert could be suppressed for populations that practices don’t want to screen (e.g., those with terminal illness, known history of alcohol use disorder)

*User Type:
Nurses will generally respond to this alert, but the build may specify other types of staff and providers who can view/use it.

Abbreviations: AUDIT = Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test
Logic for Best Practice Alert: Incomplete Alcohol Screen

Alert trigger:
No AUDIT documented after patient screened positive on initial alcohol screen

User type*: Nurses

Encounter Type: Office visit

AUDIT indicated
Provide patient with AUDIT before provider starts the visit; document results
Links:
DocFlowsheet: AUDIT
Printable AUDIT

Documentation of AUDIT results in flowsheet. Trigger visual cues for providers to discuss unhealthy alcohol use and provide appropriate interventions

AUDIT not indicated
Select reason/action

Button: Patient declines (suppresses for 1 year)
Button: Delay—Other clinical priorities (suppresses for 6 weeks)

Button: AUDIT Completed (suppresses for 72 hours for reporting purposes if responses entered in flowsheet)

*User Type:
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Abbreviations: AUDIT = Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test
Logic for Best Practice Alert: Alcohol Screen Positive, Brief Intervention or Other Intervention Needed

Alert trigger: Initial alcohol screen positive + AUDIT score positive,† and no documentation of brief intervention, counseling, or referral

User type*: Providers

Encounter Type: Office visit

Intervention indicated

Select action

Button: Open SmartSet (Alcohol screen positive) (Can preview)

Button: Add Problem (excessive drinking of alcohol without AUD) (Can edit details)

Button: Add Problem (alcohol consumption binge drinking) (Can edit details)

Button: Add Problem (alcohol use disorder) (Can edit details)

Intervention delayed or declined

Select reason/action

Button: Patient declines (suppresses for 1 year)

Button: Delay—Other clinical priorities (suppresses for 6 weeks)

Button: Shared decision (suppresses for 1 year)

Button: Accept

†Positive AUDIT score: ≥4 (women and anyone ≥65 years old) or ≥5 (men <65). OR ≥2 points from questions 4-6 of the AUDIT for anyone

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Abbreviations: AUDIT = Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test