

Risk Assessment Tools	Question Formats	Indications	Advantages	Disadvantages	Scoring	Validated
SOAPP ¹	5, 14, 24	1° Care, Assess for high abuse risk, suitability for long term opioid tx, preferable to ORT in high-risk populations	Best psychometrics, less susceptible to deception, 5-10 minutes	Dependent on patient reporting, Copyrighted	Numeric, simple to interpret	Yes, 14 question studied in 396 pts
SOAPP-R ²	24	Primary Care	5 minutes, Cross-validated, Less susceptible to overt deception c/t SOAPP	Less sensitive and less specific than SOAPP	Numeric, simple to interpret	Yes, 283 pts
ORT ³	5	Categorizes patients as low risk, moderate risk, and high risk	Less than 1 minute, simple scoring, high sensitivity & specificity when stratifying patients	1 question in the ORT is limited by patient's knowledge of family history of substance abuse	Numeric, simple to interpret	Yes, (male and female), Preliminary Validation in 185 patients at 1 pain clinic, high degree of sensitivity and specificity
DIRE ⁴	7, by pt interview	risk of opioid abuse and suitability of candidates for long term opioid therapy	2 minutes, score correlates well with patient's compliance & efficacy of long term opioid therapy	Prospective validation needed	Numeric, simple to interpret	?, Retrospective validation only of 61 pts over 38 months

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Opioid Misuse Tools	Question Formats	Indications	Advantages	Disadvantages	Scoring	Validated
PADT ⁵	N/A	To streamline the assessment of outcomes in patients with chronic pain, 2 sided chart note based on 4-A's*	5 minutes, Documents progress over time, Complements a comprehensive clinical evaluation	Not intended to be predictive of drug-seeking behavior or predict positive or negative outcomes to opioid therapy	N/A	Further studies needed to confirm the reliability and validity, Studied in 388 patients by 27 clinician
COMM ⁶	17	To assess aberrant medication related behaviors of chronic pain patients	10 minutes, Useful in assessing & reassessing adherence to opioid RX(s)	Long term reliability is unknown	Numeric	222 pts, Long term reliability is unknown, Validated in small study, needs to be replicated
ABC ⁷	20 questions	Ongoing clinical assessment of chronic pain patients on opioid therapies	Concise and easy to score Studied in the VA setting	Needs validation in non-VA setting.	Score of ≥ 3 indicates possible inappropriate opioid based on Y/N answers	Studied 136 veterans in a multidisciplinary VA Chronic Pain Clinic

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