Two Item Conjoint Screen (TICS)
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Overview
The Two Item Conjoint Screen (TICS) is a brief measure designed to detect current problems with alcohol and/or drug use. It is not meant to identify history of substance use or assess risk of future use.

Focus Area
Substance Use

Purpose
Screening/Initial Evaluation

Reporter
Student

Versions
Student, 2 items (for ages 18+)

Subscales
N/A

Sample Items
- In the last year, have you ever drunk or used drugs more than you meant to?
- Have you felt you wanted or needed to cut down on your drinking or drug use in the last year?

Response Options
No
Yes

Estimated Completion Time
One minute

Languages
English

Cost
Free

Access the measure:
TICS
## Scoring

### Two Item Conjoint Screening/Diagnostic Tool (TICS)

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**Administration & scoring rules**

- To use the **TICS** for *screening*:
  - Rate alcohol and/or drug use from the past year
  - Any “Yes” response is considered a positive screen
  - Use the interpretation information below and follow recommendations regarding follow-up for additional assessment if indicated

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- A score of 1 indicates a 37% likelihood of having a current substance use disorder.
- A score of 2 indicates a 72% likelihood of having a current substance use disorder.

A positive screen suggests that further assessment should be conducted to delineate the severity of risk or a problem.

The TICS has shown more sensitivity to dependence than abuse and was more sensitive to drug use involving marijuana or cocaine.

Due to the brief nature of the TICS, caution should be taken in interpretation as there is the chance of high false positives.