

## **SCREENER and OPIOID ASSESSMENT for PATIENTS with PAIN TOOL (SOAPP)**

A validated tool that evaluates for relative risk for developing aberrant drug seeking behaviours. Use for patients with persistent pain before commencing or who are receiving long term opioid treatment.

	0=Never	1=Seldom	2=Sometimes	3=Often	4=Very often
How often do you have <b>mood swings</b> ?					
How often do you <b>smoke a cigarette</b> within an hour after you wake up?					
How often have you taken <b>medication other than the way it was prescribed</b>					
How often have you used <b>illegal drugs</b> (e.g. marijuana, cocaine, etc) in the past 5 years?					
How often, in your lifetime, have you had <b>legal problems</b> or been arrested?					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

Total risk score category:                      > 4 is POSITIVE                      < 4 is NEGATIVE

The SOAPP tool was developed with support from Endo Pharmaceuticals and the US National Institute on Drug Abuse. SOAPP has been scientifically validated for use in chronic pain patients who are receiving, or under consideration for, long-term opioid therapy. This self-administered questionnaire takes just minutes to complete and score. Clinicians can use the results to:

- Better predict a patient's likelihood of misusing or abusing opioids.
- Document decisions about a recommended level of monitoring for a patient.
- Justify referrals to specialty pain clinics.

For further information, visit <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=PubMed>

Reference: J Pain Symptom Manage. 2006 Sep;32(3):287-93.