General Instructions: The TAPS Tool Part 2 is a brief assessment for tobacco, alcohol, and illicit substance use and prescription medication misuse in the PAST 3 MONTHS ONLY. Each of the following questions and sub-questions has two possible answer choices- either yes or no. Select your answer.

1. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you smoke a cigarette containing tobacco? \_0. No \_1. Yes

If “Yes”, answer the following questions:

a. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you usually smoke more than 10 cigarettes each day? \_0. No \_1. Yes

b. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you usually smoke within 30 minutes after waking? \_0. No \_1. Yes

2. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you have a drink containing alcohol? \_0. No \_1. Yes

If “Yes”, answer the following questions:

a. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you have 4 or more drinks containing alcohol in a day?\*   
(Note: This question should only be answered by females). \_0. No \_1. Yes

b. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you have 5 or more drinks containing alcohol in a day?\*   
(Note: This question should only be answered by males). \_0. No \_1. Yes

\*One standard drink is about 1 small glass of wine (5 oz), 1 beer (12 oz), or 1 single shot of liquor

c. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, have you tried and failed to control, cut down  
 or stop drinking? \_0. No \_1. Yes

d. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, has anyone expressed concern about your drinking? \_0. No \_1. Yes

3. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you use marijuana (hash, weed)? \_0. No \_1. Yes

If “Yes”, answer the following questions:

a. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, have you had a strong desire or urge to use marijuana   
at least once a week or more often? \_0. No \_1. Yes

b. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, has anyone expressed concern about your   
use of marijuana? \_0. No \_1. Yes

4. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you use cocaine, crack, or methamphetamine   
(crystal meth)? \_0. No \_1. Yes

If “Yes”, answer the following questions:

a. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you use cocaine, crack, or methamphetamine   
(crystal meth) at least once a week or more often? \_0. No \_1. Yes

b. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, has anyone expressed concern about your use of  
 cocaine, crack, or methamphetamine (crystal meth)? \_0. No \_1. Yes

5. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you use heroin? \_0. No \_1. Yes

If “Yes”, answer the following questions:

a. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, have you tried and failed to control, cut down  
 or stop using heroin? \_0. No \_1. Yes

b. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, has anyone expressed concern about your use of heroin? \_0. No \_1. Yes

6. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you use a prescription opiate pain reliever   
(for example, Percocet, Vicodin) not as prescribed or that was not prescribed for you? \_0. No \_1. Yes

If “Yes”, answer the following questions:

a. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, have you tried and failed to control, cut down or   
stop using an opiate pain reliever? \_0. No \_1. Yes

b. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, has anyone expressed concern about your use of   
an opiate pain reliever? \_0. No \_1. Yes

7. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you use a medication for anxiety or sleep (for example, Xanax, Ativan, or Klonopin) not as prescribed or that was not prescribed for you? \_0. No \_1. Yes

If “Yes”, answer the following questions:

a. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, have you had a strong desire or urge to use medications  
 for anxiety or sleep at least once a week or more often? \_0. No \_1. Yes

b. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, has anyone expressed concern about your use of   
medication for anxiety or sleep? \_0. No \_1. Yes

8. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you use a medication for ADHD (for example, Adderall, Ritalin) not as prescribed or that was not prescribed for you? \_0. No \_1. Yes

If “Yes”, answer the following questions:

a. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you use a medication for ADHD (for example,   
Adderall, Ritalin) at least once a week or more often? \_0. No \_1. Yes

b. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, has anyone expressed concern about your use of   
a medication for ADHD (for example, Adderall or Ritalin)? \_0. No \_1. Yes

9. In the PAST 3 MONTHS, did you use any other illegal or recreational drug (for example, ecstasy/molly, GHB, poppers, LSD, mushrooms, special K, bath salts, synthetic marijuana ('spice'), whip-its, etc.)?

\_0. No \_1. Yes

If “Yes”, answer the following questions:

In the PAST 3 MONTHS, what were the other drug(s) you used?

Notes: Scoring

For the TAPS-1, any response other than ‘never’ constitutes a positive screen. Those with a positive screen complete the corresponding items on the TAPS-2, and responses are summed within each substance class to generate a substance-specific risk score. TAPS Tool scores have a potential range of 0–3 for tobacco and other drugs, and 0–4 for alcohol. No summary is calculated for question 9 (single item).

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