

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, 3rd Edition

ASAM Integration: Six Dimensional Assessment through the Continuum of Care

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ASAM Overview, Guiding Principles and Levels of Care

Session 1



Participant Introductions

- Name
- What ASAM levels of care are offered at your agency?
- Do you have any non ASAM or hybrid type services at your agency?

ASAM Overview

- This series is based on The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria: Treatment Criteria for Addictive, Substance-Related, and Co-Occurring Conditions, 3rd Edition
- ASAM is designed to:
 - help clients receive the most appropriate and highest quality of treatment based on their individual needs
 - encourage the development and utilization of a continuum of care

The ASAM Criteria offers a system for improving the modality match through the use of multi-dimensional assessment and treatment planning that allows for a more objective evaluation of client outcomes.

ASAM Guiding Principles

- Move from 1 Dimensional to Multi-dimensional assessment
- Determining medical necessity and clarifying the role of the physician
- A focus on clinically driven and outcomes-driven treatment
- Variable length of service with a broad and flexible continuum of care
- Clarifying goals of treatment and moving away from ‘treatment failure’
- Interdisciplinary team approach to care
- Engaging with informed consent

ASAM 6 Dimensions

1. Acute Intoxication
and/or Withdrawal
Potential

Exploring an individual's past and current experiences of substance use and withdrawal

2. Biomedical Conditions
and Complications

Exploring an individual's health history and current physical condition

3. Emotional, Behavioral,
or Cognitive Conditions
and Complications

Exploring an individual's thoughts, emotions, and mental health issues

ASAM 6 Dimensions

4. Readiness to Change
Exploring an individual's readiness and interest in changing
5. Relapse, Continued Use, or Continued Problem Potential
Exploring an individual's unique relationship with relapse or continued use or problems
6. Recovery/Living Environment
Exploring an individual's recovery or living situation, and the surrounding people, places, and things

ASAM Levels of Care

- Level 0.5 Early Intervention
- Level 1 Outpatient
- Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient
- Level 2.5 Partial Hospitalization

ASAM Levels of Care

- Level 3.1 Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential
- Level 3.3 Clinically Managed Population-Specific High Intensity Residential (adult only)
- Level 3.5 Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential (adult)
- Level 3.5 Clinically Managed Medium-Intensity Residential (adolescent)

ASAM Levels of Care

- Level 3.7 Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient (adult)
- Level 3.7 Medically Monitored High-Intensity Inpatient (adolescent)
- Level 4 Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient
- Opioid Treatment Services

ASAM Withdrawal Management Levels of Care

- Level 1-WM: Ambulatory Withdrawal Mgmt. without Extended On-site Monitoring
- Level 2-WM: Ambulatory Withdrawal Mgmt. with Extended On-site Monitoring
- Level 3.2-WM: Clinically managed Residential Withdrawal Management
- Level 3.7-WM: Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management
- Level 4-WM: Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Withdrawal Management

Case Study & Session 2 Learning Activity

Read ASAM Chapter 3

Choose 1 of the 3 case studies
available. You will use throughout
the series

Complete a portion of the 6
Dimensional Template:
complete the questions only

