

# ADDICTION SEVERITY INDEX NARRATIVE REPORT

**JOHN B. SMITH**  
444 MAIN STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19444

Date of Birth:	07/30/1959	ID#	101
Social Security Number:	444 33 2211	Site ID#:	101001
Date of Interview:	08/26/2004	Time Int. Began:	10:51:21
Type of Interview:	Intake	Time Int. Ended	11:25:21
Interviewer Name:	Deni Carise	Interviewer ID#	01

## GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION

The following is a clinical summary based on an in-person interview with John Smith, on 08/26/2004. This summary is based on the client's self report regarding lifetime and recent Medical, Employment, Alcohol, Drug, Legal, Family/Social and Psychiatric involvement and/or problems. Included in each of these sections is the interviewer's severity rating, suggesting the client's need for treatment (or additional treatment beyond what he's already receiving). This is based on the information provided by the client.

John is a 40 year old, white (non-Hispanic) male. He states his religious preference is Catholic. John reports he actively practices his faith and attends church every Sunday. He feels his spirituality will be a big part of his recovery. He has lived at his current address for approximately 3 years. Neither he nor his family owns this residence. John reports paying \$600.00 month rent. John reports spending 2 of the past 30 days in a jail or prison facility in which his freedom was restricted and/or prohibited. This could have limited his ability to use alcohol or drugs, as well as his interactions with family and others. Client was arrested for driving under the influence and spent 2 nights in jail.

## ALCOHOL & DRUG SECTION

### Lifetime and Recent Alcohol Use:

In his lifetime, John drank regularly for a period of 15 years. For 7 years, his drinking was regular and heavy (generally defined as 5 or more drinks in one day). In the past 30 days, he drank 20 days, and has drunk heavily, having more than five drinks per day, on each of those days. He reports having spent \$100 on alcohol in the past 30 days. He has never experienced alcohol delirium tremens.

### Lifetime and Recent Drug Use:

John has a history of ongoing heroin use for a period of 4 years, he also used methadone regularly for one year. John appears to have no lifelong problems with other opiates, additionally he reports no periods of ongoing barbiturate use. He has used sedatives, hypnotics, or tranquilizers regularly (generally defined as three times per week or more), for a period of 2 years. John reports using unprescribed Xanax for several years in the early 1980s. John has used cocaine regularly or problematically for a period of 8 years; he has no history of ongoing amphetamine use. John has a 15 year history of ongoing, regular cannabis use; he has no history of ongoing use of hallucinogens.

He has no history of regular or ongoing use of inhalants. John has a history of using multiple substances, on an ongoing basis, for a period of 15 years. He has never overdosed, either intentionally or unintentionally, on drugs.

In the past 30 days, John has used heroin 8 days and methadone on 2 days. He has been buying methadone on the street for past 6 months. John has not used any other opiates, barbiturates, or sedatives in the past 30 days. John has used cocaine 3 days in the past 30; he has not used amphetamines during this time. John has used cannabis 10 days in the past 30; he has not used any hallucinogens. He has not used any inhalants in the past month. John has used two or more drugs together (or drugs and alcohol) on 20 days in the past month. In the past 30 days, John reports that he spent \$100 on alcohol and \$300 on other drugs.

### Alcohol and Drug Treatment History:

John has received treatment 2 times for alcohol problems. None of these were brief “detoxification” treatments. He attended outpatient programs 2 times in 1994. John has received treatment 2 times for drug problems; none were limited to detoxification. These occurred at the same time he was treated for alcohol use. John’s last period of continuous abstinence from alcohol and drugs lasted for 6 months, ending approximately 60 months ago. He attended four outpatient sessions for drug or alcohol problems in the past 30 days. This may include AA, NA, or CA attendance. John’s outpatient sessions were limited to 4 AA meetings in the past month.

### Client Perception of Severity of Alcohol and Drug Problems and Desire for Treatment:

John experienced alcohol-related problems on 30 of the past 30 days and is bothered considerably by these problems. Obtaining alcohol treatment is extremely important to John. John experienced problems on 10 of the past 30 days related to drug use and is bothered considerably by these problems. Obtaining drug treatment is extremely important to John.

### Interviewer Impressions and Recommendations - Alcohol and Drugs:

It is my impression that John understood all of the questions and that he did not deliberately misrepresent information about his drug or alcohol use and history. It is the interviewer’s belief that both alcohol and drugs are his most significant substance abuse problem. He has an alcohol problem of substantial concern and help obtaining appropriate treatment is vital at this time. John has a drug problem of substantial concern and help obtaining appropriate treatment is necessary at this time.

### Additional Alcohol and Drug Comments:

Client appears sincerely motivated to attain treatment for his alcohol and drug problems. He would like to be a better father to his children and resume friendship with his wife. He believes his use of alcohol and drugs is responsible for his problems with his family members.

## **FAMILY / SOCIAL SECTION**

### Marital and Living Situation for Majority of the Past Three Years:

John is currently divorced, and is generally satisfied with this situation. He has been divorced for about 4 years. John has lived alone for most of the past three years and appears to feel fairly indifferent to this circumstance. He has been in this living arrangement for about 4 years.

### Recovery Environment and Social Contacts:

No one residing with him has problems with alcohol or drugs. John currently spends most of his free time alone and is generally dissatisfied with this situation. He would like to establish better relationships with his children and his ex-wife. He reports having 4 close friends on whom he can rely.

### Relationship Problems Lifetime:

John reports that he has had close, long lasting relationships with family and friends in his lifetime. In his lifetime, he has had significant problems getting along with his partner, but not with his children. In his lifetime, he has not had any serious problems getting along with either his mother or father. He has not had serious problems getting along with other significant family members in his lifetime. He has not had any significant problems getting along with either siblings or close friends. He has not had any serious problems getting along with either neighbors or co-workers. John reports no history of emotional, physical, or sexual abuse in his life.

### Relationship Problems Past Thirty Days:

In the past 30 days, he has had significant problems getting along with his partner, but not with his children. In the past 30 days, he has not had any serious problems getting along with his mother. He has not had significant problems getting along with either his siblings or close friends. He has not had any serious, recent problems getting along with co-workers. John has not experienced any recent emotional, physical, or sexual abuse.

### Client Perception of Severity of Family and Social Problems and Desire for Treatment:

Overall, John reports having 10 days of family related problems in the past 30, and is considerably troubled by these problems. He considers his problems with ex-wife to be most pressing. Obtaining treatment for family difficulties is profoundly important to John. He reports experiencing no problems with others and is not troubled or bothered by social issues. Consequently, help obtaining treatment for social related difficulties is not important to John.

### Interviewer Impressions and Recommendations - Family and Social:

It is my impression that John understood all of the questions and that he did not deliberately misrepresent this information. John has family or social problems of substantial concern and help is necessary at this time.

### Additional Family & Social Comments:

John is considerably bothered by the lack of involvement in his children's lives. He and his ex-wife argue over the children and he does not see them as often as he would like. During this section of the interview, John's affect was sad and he had difficulty maintaining composure.

## **PSYCHIATRIC SECTION**

### Serious Emotional and Psychological Problems – Lifetime:

John does not have a significant past history of psychiatric problems. He does not have a history of being prescribed psychotropic medications. He does not have a history of treatment for psychological or emotional problems. He does not receive any financial compensation for a psychiatric disability.

### Recent Serious Emotional and Psychological Problems:

John has had serious problems with depression in the past 30 days; he was not obviously depressed at the time of the interview. John acknowledges serious problems controlling violent behavior in the past 30 days; he was not hostile at the time of the interview. John reports he has trouble controlling his rage and anger toward ex-wife when she blocks his visits with children.

### Client Perception of Severity of Emotional and Psychological Problems and Desire for Treatment:

John experienced psychological or emotional problems on 4 of the past 30 days, and is bothered by them. Obtaining psychological or emotional treatment is slightly important to him.

### Interviewer Impressions and Recommendations - Psychiatric:

It is my impression that John understood all of the questions and that he did not deliberately misrepresent his psychological/emotional information. He appears to have a moderately severe psychological or emotional problem; treatment is needed.

### Additional Psychiatric Comments:

Client states he has concerns that one day he is not going to be able to control himself if his wife continues to withhold the children from seeing him.

## **LEGAL SECTION**

### History of Charges and Arrests:

John's participation in this substance abuse evaluation was suggested by a representative from the criminal justice system. He was referred as a consequence of his recent DWI arrest. John reports being arrested and charged once with driving while intoxicated twice, and twice for drug crimes. The drug related crimes were 1991 and 1995 possession charges, both reduced and dropped. His most recent charge was 3 weeks ago, and the case is still pending. He was charged with burglary, larceny, or breaking & entering on one occasion; he has no robbery charges. This charge was in 1985, and he was convicted, served 3 months in jail, and paid a fine. John was charged with disorderly conduct, vagrancy, or public intoxication on one occasion (public intoxications, 1990); he has never been charged with contempt of court. He was convicted on at least 1 of these charges. John has a history of being incarcerated for 3 months. His incarceration lasted about 3 months and was for burglary/larceny/B&E.

### Current Legal Involvement:

In the past 30 days, John was detained/incarcerated on 2 days; he did not engage in any illegal activities for profit. He is awaiting either charges, trial, or sentencing for driving while intoxicated. He is not on probation or parole.

### Client Perception of Severity of Legal Problems and Desire for Treatment:

John is slightly bothered by his legal problems; nevertheless, he feels that counseling for his legal problems is not important.

### Interviewer Impressions and Recommendations - Legal:

It is my impression that John understood all of the questions, and that he did not deliberately misrepresent his legal information. He appears to have a minor legal problem or concern, but counseling does not look as though it is necessary. John has legal counsel for his current charges.

Additional Legal Comments:

No comment.

**MEDICAL SECTION**

Medical History:

John was hospitalized once for medical problems. This hospitalization was 5 years ago. He reports this hospitalization was for a routine appendectomy in the summer of 1994. He has a chronic medical problem (asthma) and is prescribed medications (inhaler) for this problem. He does not receive any financial compensation for physical disabilities.

Client Perception of Severity of Medical Problems and Desire for Treatment:

John does not report any medical problems in the past 30 days, and is not bothered by medical problems. Help obtaining treatment is not important to him at this time.

Interviewer Impressions and Recommendations – Medical:

It is my impression that John understood all of the questions and that he did not deliberately misrepresent his medical information. He appears to have no need for medical treatment at this time.

Additional Medical Comments:

Client reports his overall health is very good. His asthma has been under control for several years now. He has expressed some concern regarding his alcohol and drug use and how that is affecting him physically.

**EMPLOYMENT SECTION**

Employment History:

John has worked full time for most of the past three years. John's longest full time job lasted for 14 years. He works for a construction company. The majority of his employment in the past few years has been skilled manual work.

Current Financial Resources:

John reports working 24 days and making \$7200 income in the past month. He reports he usually works a six day week. He did not receive any income from either unemployment compensation, welfare, pensions, benefits, or social security in the past month. He has not received any money from family or friends in the past month. John says that he has not made any money illegally in the past month. John has 4 dependents for whom he is financially responsible. John pays support to wife and three children. No one contributes any cash, food, housing, etc. for his support.

Education, Training and Resources:

He completed 14 years of traditional schooling obtaining a high school diploma and taking some college level courses as well as receiving 12 months of technical or vocational training. John has the skill base necessary to acquire a job. He does carpentry and masonry work and completed training in these areas. He has a valid driver's license but does not have use of a car for employment purposes.

**Client Perception of Severity of Employment Problems and Desire for Treatment:**

Overall, he reports experiencing no problems related to obtaining or maintaining employment and is not troubled or bothered by employment related difficulties. Consequently, help obtaining treatment for employment related difficulties is not important to John.

**Interviewer Impressions and Recommendations - Employment:**

It is my impression that John understood all of the questions and that he did not deliberately misrepresent this information. He appears to have no need for employment counseling at this time.

**Additional Employment Comments:**

Client has had a very stable work history for the past fourteen years. He is very satisfied with this status and has no desire to pursue training or additional education.

**Interviewer Comment**

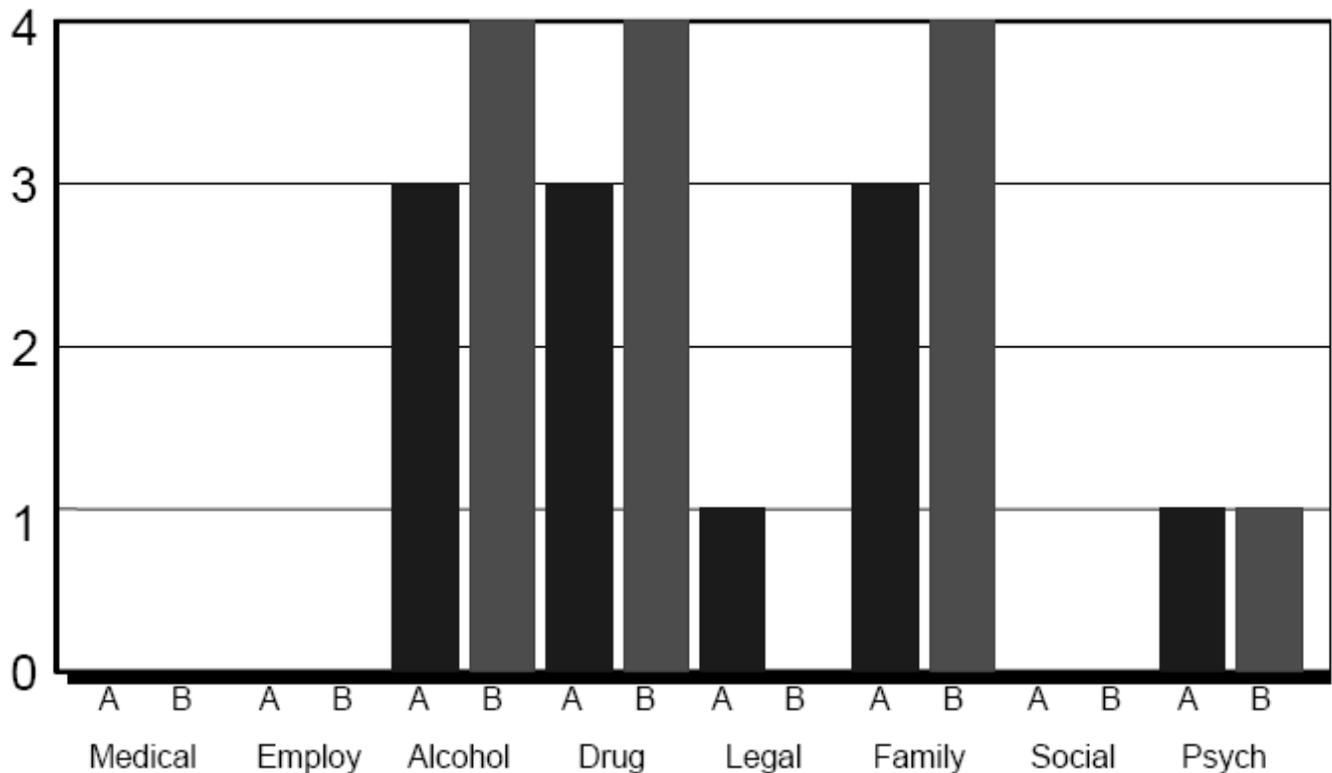
The above information is based on John Smith's responses to questions from the Addiction Severity Index interview and was completed on 08/26/2004. This information will be used to guide John's placement into treatment and to develop his specific treatment care plan.

-----  
(Interviewer's Name)

## GRAPHS

The following is a graph showing the client's perception of his problems, column A, and his desire for treatment, column B.

### Client Perception of Problem and Need for Treatment



A = Client's Rating of Problem

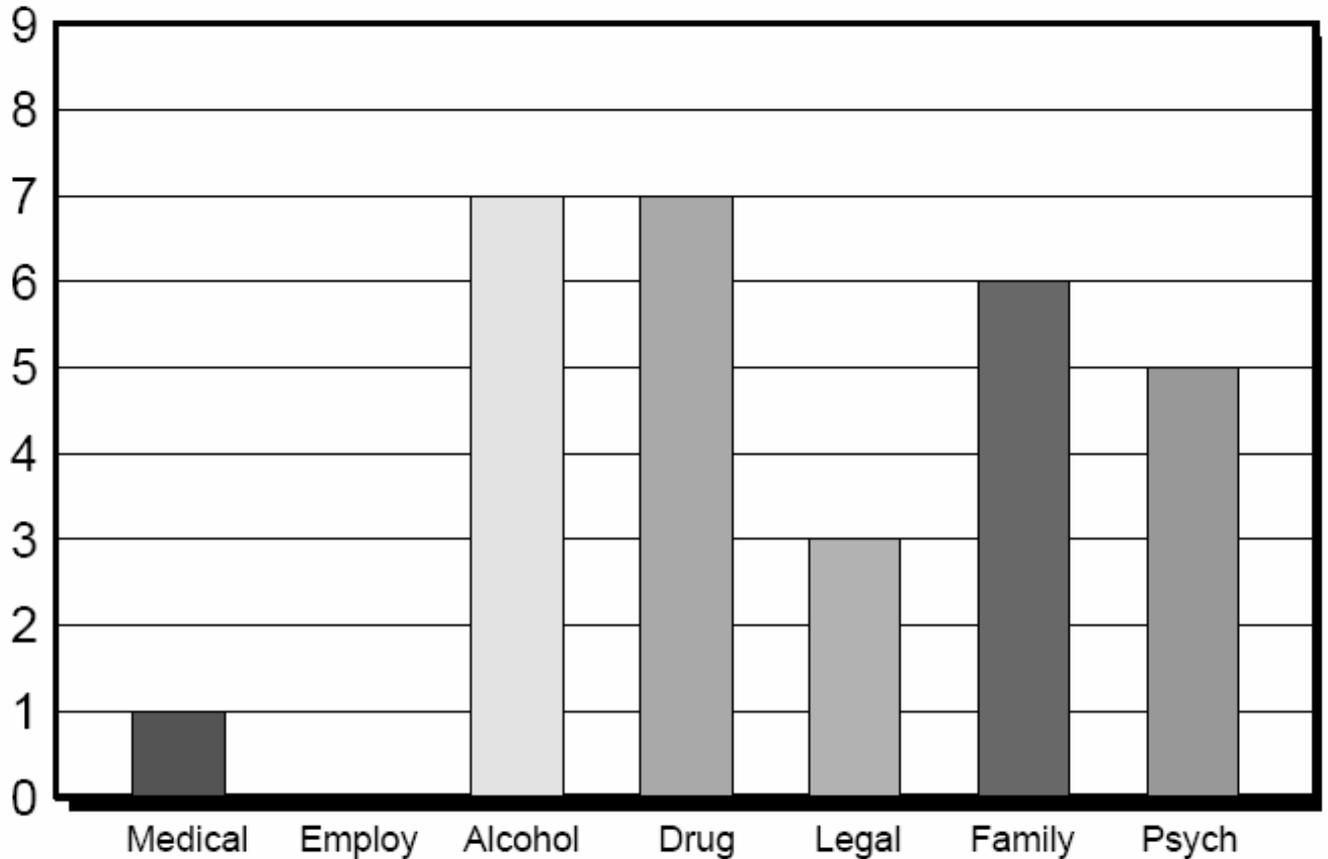
B = Client's Rating of Desire for Treatment

Legend:

0-Not at all, 1-Slightly, 2-Moderately, 3-Considerably, 4-Extremely

The following is a graph showing the interviewer's severity rating of the client's need for treatment or additional treatment in each of the seven sections of the Addiction Severity Index.

### INTERVIEWER SEVERITY RATINGS



Legend:

0-1: No real problem, 2-3: Slight Problem, 4-5: Moderate Problem,  
6-7: Considerable Problem, 8-9: Extreme Problem