

5.30 Alcohol Misuse Screening—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

All trauma centers must screen all admitted trauma patients greater than 12 years old for alcohol misuse with a validated tool or routine blood alcohol content testing. Programs must achieve a screening rate of at least 80 percent.

Additional Information

This standard applies to all admitted trauma patients, regardless of activation status.

Screening methods are at the discretion of the individual center. Examples of acceptable screening tools can be found in the Resources section below.

Measures of Compliance

Alcohol misuse report that includes criteria outlined in the standard

Resources

Committee on Trauma, American College of Surgeons. Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention (SBI) for Trauma Patients: <https://www.facs.org/-/media/files/quality-programs/trauma/vrc-resources/alcohol-screening-and-brief-intervention-sbi-for-trauma-patients-cot-quick-guide.ashx>

References

None

5.31 Alcohol Misuse Intervention—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

In all trauma centers, at least 80 percent of patients who have screened positive for alcohol misuse must receive a brief intervention by appropriately trained staff prior to discharge. This intervention must be documented.

Level III trauma centers must have a mechanism for referral if brief intervention is not available as an inpatient.

Additional Information

Appropriately trained staff will be determined and credentialed by the institution. This may include nurses, social workers, etc.

Measures of Compliance

- Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) protocol
- Alcohol misuse intervention report (numerator = the number of patients [participatory and survived until discharge] that received an intervention, denominator = the number of patients [participatory and survived until discharge] who screened positive for alcohol misuse)

Resources

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References

None