Lifetime Treatment History Interview

Interviewer Instructions

Now I'd like to ask you to tell me about the times during your life when you have received different kinds of treatment. First, I am going to ask about times when you have been in a hospital or other program where you stayed overnight at least one night for some kind of treatment.

Interviewer: For each category where there has been at least one lifetime event, determine the approximate date of the most recent event (e.g., last day of inpatient stay, most recent AA meeting or outpatient visit.)

- Hm First of all, how many times during your life have you been admitted to a hospital for treatment of a medical problem? [Interviewer: Count an event only if it included an overnight stay for this and all H and R incidents.]
- Htox How many times during your life have you been admitted to a hospital to receive detoxification from alcohol or other drugs? [If treatment was also received, code Ra or Rd. Code here only detox without treatment.]
- Rtox How many times during you life have you stayed overnight for detoxification in a program other than a hospital? [If treatment was also received, code Ra or Rd. Code here only detox without treatment.]
- Ra How many times during your life have you been admitted to a hospital or other treatment program where you stayed overnight to be treated for alcohol problems?
- Rd How many times during your life have you been admitted to a hospital or other treatment program where you stayed overnight to be treated for drug problems other than alcohol? [Do not code one incident as both Ra and Rd. Determine which was primary problem.]
- Rp how many times during your life have you been admitted to a hospital or other treatment program where you stayed overnight to be treated for psychological problems other an alcohol or other drug abuse?
- In How many times during your life have you been arrested and spent at least one overnight in jail or prison?

Now I'm going to ask about other treatment you have received on an outpatient basis, not staying overnight. This would include going to see a counselor, psychologist, physician, pastor or other health professional for treatment.

I'm interested in how may times you have been treated by a counselor or therapist. I don't want to know the number of visits or days that you went, only the number of times that you went for some kind of treatment. Each time could be one visit or a hundred visits.

- Oa How many different times during your life have you gone to a counselor or therapist about problems with alcohol? [Be sure the client is reporting different treatment events, not individual sessions.]
- Od How many different times during your life have you gone to a counselor or therapist about problems with drugs other than alcohol? [Again, do not count the same treatment twice. If the client was treated for both alcohol and other drug problems, determine which was the more serious problem.]
- Op How many different times in your life have you gone to a counselor or therapist about emotional or psychological problems other than alcohol or drug problems?
- AA Now finally, during your lifetime, about how many meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous or other twelve-step groups, like Alanon or Narcotics Anonymous, have you attended? Here, I'm interested in the total number of meetings you have attended in your lifetime.

Decision rules

Do not count any event in two different categories. When in doubt because of double purposes of admission, the order of preference is:

Ra Rd Htox/Rtox Hm

All incarcerations are coded "In", even if detox or treatment occurred during incarceration.

Outpatient treatment events are clearly different events when a new therapist or program was involved (except multiple therapists within the same program). Multiple treatment events may occur with the same therapist or program as long as there was a span of at least 2 months between the last session of one and the first session of the next.