

## Medical Assistants Pretest Survey

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Thank you for your time and enjoy the class.

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First letter of your mother's first name

First digit of your social security number

Last digit of your social security number

First letter of your mother's maiden name

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The following items will be used only to describe the demographic makeup of the class.

2. Are you (choose one)

- Male  
 Female

3. Are you Hispanic or Latino/a?

- No  
 Yes

4. How do you describe your race? (check all that apply)

- American Indian/Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black/African American  
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
 White

5. In which state do you work?

6. In what type of medical setting do you work?

- OB/GYN  
 Family medicine  
 Other (please specify)

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**The scenarios describe the alcohol use-related behaviors of two women. Please read each scenario carefully and respond to the questions that follow.**

### 7. Scenario 1

Over the past few months, Sally has started to drink more than her usual amount of alcohol. In fact, she has noticed that she now needs to drink twice as much in order to get the same effect. Several times she has tried to cut down or stop drinking. However, each time she tried she became very agitated and couldn't sleep, so would start drinking and the symptoms would go away. Her family has complained that she is often hung over, moody, and has become unreliable – making plans one day and cancelling them the next. In fact, they report that she frequently calls them while intoxicated and has no memory of the calls or what she promised the next day.

In your opinion, how likely is it that Sally's situation might be caused by...

|                                      | Not at all likely     | Not very likely       | Neither likely nor unlikely | Somewhat likely       | Very likely           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| her own bad character.               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| a chemical imbalance in her brain.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| the way she was raised.              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| stressful circumstances in her life. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| a genetic or inherited problem.      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |



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### 9. Scenario 2

During the past year, Jessica has started to drink more than her usual amount of alcohol. In fact, she has noticed that she now needs to drink twice as much in order to get the same effect. Three months ago, Jessica found out that she is pregnant and her doctor told her she should not drink alcohol during her pregnancy. Jessica has tried but so far has not been able to stop drinking. Some of Jessica's friends told her that when they were pregnant the taste and/or smell of alcohol made them sick. Jessica was hoping that she would have the same reaction, but that has not been the case. Out of concern for Jessica's health and the health of her baby, her family has tried several times to talk with her about it. However, they are telling her that she is being selfish and not behaving in the best interest of her child. This approach is only increasing how guilty and ashamed Jessica is feeling about not being able to stop. As a result, Jessica has become very secretive about her drinking, sneaking a drink whenever she has a chance.

In your opinion, how likely is it that Jessica's situation might be caused by...

|                                      | Not at all likely     | Not very likely       | Neither likely nor unlikely | Somewhat likely       | Very likely           |
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| her own bad character.               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| a chemical imbalance in her brain.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
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| stressful circumstances in her life. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| a genetic or inherited problem.      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |



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**The following items deal with factors related to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.**

11. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy.

- True
- False

12. FASD is preventable if a woman does not drink during her pregnancy.

- True
- False

13. The effects for FASD are always visible.

- True
- False

14. When is it safe to drink alcohol during pregnancy?

- During the first three months
- During the last three months
- Once in a while
- Never

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15. How much alcohol is safe to drink during pregnancy?

- One glass of wine
- Two light beers
- One shot of hard alcohol
- None of the above

16. Screening for excessive alcohol use during pregnancy can be an effective strategy in reducing FASD.

- True
- False

17. How often do you talk to your patients or their parents/caregivers about prevention of excessive alcohol use?

- Never
- Occasionally
- About Half the Time
- Frequently
- Always

18. The practice in which I work has a protocol to screen all patients about their alcohol use.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Not applicable to the patients in my practice setting.



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19. What does initial patient SCREENING for alcohol use consist of in your practice?

- Informal questions (Do you drink? How often/much do you drink?, etc.)
- Formal screening tool or evidence-based screening instruments (AUDIT, AUDIT-C, DAST, CAGE, etc.)
- I don't know.

20. Who generally conducts the initial SCREEN for alcohol? (Check all that apply.)

- Nurse (including nurse practitioner)
- Social worker
- Behavioral health specialist (coach)
- Psychologist
- Physician
- Medical Assistant
- Other (please specify)

21. Is screening for alcohol use followed by some type of intervention in your practice? (Check all that apply.)

- No, there is no patient education or intervention done following the initial screening.
- Yes, all patients are given educational materials/information on "safe" levels of alcohol and health risks associated with consuming too much alcohol.
- Yes, patients who screen positive for risky alcohol use are asked follow-up questions and provided brief counseling.
- Yes, patients who screen positive for risky alcohol use are asked follow-up questions and provided with additional resources (e.g., a list of treatment and/or counseling services in the community).

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22. Who generally does the intervention in your practice? (Check all that apply.)

- No one intervenes, to my knowledge
- Physician
- Physician's Assistant
- Psychologist
- Social worker
- Behavior health specialist (coach)
- Nurse (including nurse practitioner)
- Other (please specify)

23. Does your practice bill for screening and brief intervention services?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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24. On a scale of 0-10 with 0 meaning "Completely Disagree" and 10 meaning "Completely Agree" to what extent do you agree with the following statements.

|   | 0<br>(Completely disagree) | 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 5                     | 6                     | 7                     | 8                     | 9                     | 10<br>(Completely agree) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Alcohol consumption during pregnancy is more prevalent in women with lower incomes.             | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>    |
| Alcohol consumption during pregnancy is more prevalent in women with lower levels of education. | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>    |
| Alcohol consumption during pregnancy is more prevalent in Anglo-white women.                    | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>    |

25. Which of the following two statements best corresponds with your personal viewpoint (please check only ONE box).

- Occasional consumption of one standard drink alcoholic drink per day or less (i.e., 1.5 oz. hard liquor, 12 oz. of beer or 5 oz. of wine) during pregnancy is not harmful to the mother or the fetus.
- Pregnant women or women who are trying to become pregnant should completely abstain from consuming alcohol.

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26. On a scale from 0 to 4 where 0 means you completely disagree with the statement and 4 means you completely agree, to what extent do you disagree or agree with the following statements.

|  | Completely disagree   | Disagree              | Neither agree nor disagree | Agree                 | Completely agree      |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| It is important to routinely screen all patients for alcohol use                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| It is important to screen all pregnant women for alcohol use   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| It is important to screen all women of childbearing age, for alcohol use                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I am comfortable asking women of childbearing age, including pregnant women, about their alcohol use | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I am comfortable having a conversation with patients who indicate risky alcohol use.                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Screening for alcohol use confers a negative stigma to the woman being screened.                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |



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**Thank you for your participation!!!**