The ASAM Criteria Software

The ASAM Criteria Software provides counselors, clinicians and other treatment team members with a computer-guided, structured interview for assessing and caring for patients with addictive, substance-related and co-occurring conditions. The software offers data entry screens, data management and clinical decision support (CDS) software that outputs an electronic and hard copy of treatment priorities and the least intensive, but safe, efficient and effective setting. The software also uses research-quality questions (including tools such as the ASI, CIWA and CINA instruments) and extensive algorithmic branching to output a 3-5 page report detailing a patient's DSM substance use disorder diagnoses, severity and imminent risks and the recommended levels of care. Support for The ASAM Criteria Software initiative was provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The ASAM Criteria book and The ASAM Criteria Software are companion text and application. The book delineates the dimensions, requirements and decision rules that comprise ASAM's criteria. The software provides the approved structured interview to guide the assessment and calculate the complex decision tree to yield suggested levels of care. The book and the software should be used in tandem, the book to provide the background and guidance for proper use of the software, and the software to enable comprehensive, standardized evaluation. Effective, reliable treatment planning for adults is enhanced by using the book and software together.

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