

[CAGE-AID \[1\]](#)

Description: Screening test for alcohol and drugs.

One of the most commonly used standardized screening tools for detecting drug use problems is the CAGE-AID, a variation on the CAGE instrument that was originally created to screen for alcohol use. Brown et al., (1998) modified the CAGE questionnaire to add screening for drug use (AID stands for "adapted to include drugs"). The authors were able to obtain 70.9% sensitivity and 75.7% specificity with this modified scale.

Each letter in the acronym CAGE represents one question in the 4-item scale:

C	Cut down -- Have you ever felt you ought to cut down on your drinking or drug use?
A	Annoyed -- Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking or drug use?
G	Guilty -- Have you ever felt bad or guilty about your drinking or drug use?
E	Eye-opener -- Have you ever had a drink or used drugs first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or to get rid of a hangover?

Links:

[1] <http://local.buppractice.com/node/5280>