



**Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine  
 Observed Patient Interview Assessment Sheet**

Name of Trainee _____	Date _____
Name of Assessor _____	Venue _____

For each item please indicate whether the trainee's performance was Satisfactory (✓), Unsatisfactory (X) or Uncertain (?).

<b>COMMUNICATION WITH PATIENT</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Uncertain</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Establishes appropriate rapport</b>				
Warm, friendly opening				
Puts patients at ease				
Non-judgmental attitude				
Empathic towards patient's situation				
<b>Shows appropriate non verbal behaviour</b>				
Appropriate eye contact				
Appears interested and focussed on patient				
Not intrusive of patient's personal space				
<b>Use of appropriate language</b>				
Understandable vocabulary				
Avoids use of medical jargon				
Avoids confronting language				
<b>Appropriate use of open-ended questions</b>				
Uses open-ended questions to explore patient's history				
<b>Active listening skills</b>				
Demonstrates active listening skills eg use of paraphrasing, clarifying, and summarising				
<b>Style of history taking</b>				
Uses logical and structured approach				

<b>HISTORY TAKING</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Uncertain</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>History of presenting complaint</b>				
Explores quantity, frequency, duration, last use of substance/s				
Explores route of use, risk-taking behaviours				
Explores source and cost of substance/s used				
Explores problems related to use				
Explores dependence criteria				
Explores precipitants for presentation				
Explores relevant past use:				
- e.g. heaviest period of use; first use				
Explores relevant treatment history				
<b>Other drug and alcohol history</b>				
Explores relevant history for:				
- Alcohol				
- Opioids				
- Benzodiazepines				
- Marijuana				
- Stimulants				
- Ecstasy and Related Drugs				
- Nicotine				
- Other substances				
<b>Medical history</b>				
Explores Hepatitis & HIV status				
Explores history of seizures and head injuries				
Explores other relevant medical history				
<b>Medication</b>				
Reviews current medication				
Explores previous relevant medication				
<b>Past Psychiatric History</b>				
Explores history of anxiety, depression, psychosis				
Explores history of self harm, suicidality				
Explores past admissions				
Explores previous treatments				

<b>HISTORY TAKING CONT'D...</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Uncertain</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Criminal history</b>				
Explores history of violence				
Explores history of convictions & current charges				
Explores history of imprisonment				
<b>Family and Social History</b>				
Explores family history: medical, psychiatric, addiction				
Explores family structure and nature of relationships				
Explores experience of growing up				
Explores education, training and employment				
Explores social relationships and supports				

<b>EXAMINATION</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Uncertain</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Mental state examination</b>				
Explores important mental state features eg anxiety, depression, psychosis, cognitive impairment				
Identifies important risk issues (risk of harm to self or others)				
<b>Physical examination</b>				
Performs appropriate physical examination				
If not possible: able to discuss appropriate physical examination				

<b>TREATMENT PLAN</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Uncertain</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
Explores motivation for change				
Able to give personalised feedback				
Able to discuss broad range of treatment options (biological, social, psychological)				
Involves patient in treatment decisions				

**ASSESSOR'S SUMMARY:**

**Satisfactory Communication**     **YES**     **NO**     **UNCERTAIN**  
**Satisfactory History Taking**     **YES**     **NO**     **UNCERTAIN**  
**Satisfactory Examination**     **YES**     **NO**     **UNCERTAIN**  
**Satisfactory Treatment Plan**     **YES**     **NO**     **UNCERTAIN**

**COMMENTS:**

**My general impression of the trainee was that their performance was:**

- SATISFACTORY**
- UNSATISFACTORY**
- UNCERTAIN**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_