

INDICATION

CAGE Screens for excessive drinking and alcoholism. Designed for adults and adolescents >16 years and should be used in all patients who drink alcohol.

INTERPRETATION

Scores of 2 or more: POSITIVE

EXCESSIVE DRINKING

- 93% sensitivity
- 76% specificity

ALCOHOLISM

- 91% sensitivity
- 77% specificity

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

Have you ever felt you needed to 'cut down' on your drinking?	Yes	+1
	No	+0
Have people Annoyed you by criticising your drinking?	Yes	+1
	No	+0
Have you ever felt guilty about drinking?	Yes	+1
	No	+0
Have you ever felt you needed a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or to get rid of a hangover?	Yes	+1
	No	+0