

# AIDS Risk Behavior Assessment (ARBA)

## Scale items:

The questions ask about your drug use, sexual behavior, and medical health. Please answer all of the questions as truthfully as you can.

1. Please indicate yes (1) for all the drugs that you have used and no (0) for all the drugs you have not used. If you answer yes to any of the drugs please indicate the number of occasions within the last **6 months, 3 months, and in the last month** that you used the drug.

	Name of the drug	No	Yes	# of times used in the last		
				6 months	3 months	1 month
A	Alcohol (beer, wine, etc...)  If yes, how old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?					
B	Marijuana (blunt, dope, grass, pot, Mary Jane, skunk, ganga, reefer, weed, bud, etc...). If yes, how old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?					
C	Crack					
D	Cocaine or crack (blow, bump, C, candy, Charlie, coke, flake, rock, snow, toot)					
E	Amphetamines (speed)					
F	Ice (smokable speed)					
G	Heroin (horse, hope, H, junk, skag, brown sugar)					
H	Heroin/cocaine mixed together					
I	Heroin/speed mixed together					
J	Non-prescription methadone					
K	Other opiates/narcotics/painkillers for non-medical use or in excess of the directions (Codeine, Darvon, Demerol, Dilaudid, Morphine, Percodan, Vicodin)					
L	Barbituates (Seconal, Nembutal, Fiorinal, Phenobarbital, reds, yellows)					
M	Tranquilizers (Valium, ludes, Klonopins)					
N	Psychedelics (PCP, MDA, LSD, Ecstasy)					
O	Other					
P	Have you ever smoked cigarettes?					
Pa	If yes, how many cigarettes a day do you smoke?					
Pb	How many packs have you smoked in the past month?					
Q	Inhalants (glue, poppers, amyl nitrate, nitrous oxide, "whippits")					
R	Party drugs (GHB, Ecstasy, "Roofies", "Special K")					
S	Sedatives (Valium, Xanax, Ativan)					

2. Have you ever injected drugs or been injected by someone else?

No

Yes

**Contingency questions below:**

*These next questions ask you more about injecting drugs or being injected by someone else. Please answer as truthfully as possible.*

2a. How old were you the first time you injected drugs or were injected by someone else? \_\_\_\_\_

2b. How many times have you injected drugs or been injected by someone else?

# of times in the last:

6 months \_\_\_\_\_

3 months \_\_\_\_\_

1 month \_\_\_\_\_

2c. List all of the drugs you have injected or been injected with by someone else.

Name of drug	Times injected in last 6 months	Times injected in last 3 months	Times injected in last month	Age of first use

3. Have you ever skinned-popped or booted?

No

Yes

4. Have you ever used needles to give yourself or have someone else give you a tattoo?

No

Yes

4a. If you have used needles, have you ever shared needles used for tattooing yourself or another person?

No

Yes

Does not apply to me (I have never used needles for tattooing)

5. Have you ever given or loaned needles or other equipment to someone else who then used them?

No

Yes

6. Have you ever used needles to pierce yourself or another person?

No

Yes

6a. If you have used needles, have you ever shared needles used for piercing yourself or another person?

No

Yes

Does not apply to me (I have never used needles for piercing)

7. Have you ever intentionally cut your body using pins, knives, razorblades, safety pins, or other things?

No

Yes

7a. If you have intentionally cut yourself, have you ever shared object(s) you used for cutting with another person?

No

Yes

Does not apply to me (I have never intentionally cut myself)

8. Have you ever used needles or equipment (syringes, cookers, cotton, water, etc...) to inject yourself that you knew had been used by someone else?

No

Yes

**Contingency questions below:**

*The next questions ask you about using needles to inject yourself that you knew were used by someone else. Please answer as truthfully as possible.*

8a. Who used the needles or equipment before you?

\_\_\_\_\_

8b. Where did you use them?

\_\_\_\_\_ Current residence

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend's house

\_\_\_\_\_ Relative's house

\_\_\_\_\_ Park/street/alley

\_\_\_\_\_ Abandoned building

\_\_\_\_\_ Car

\_\_\_\_\_ Public bathroom

\_\_\_\_\_ Crack house/shooting gallery

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

8c. To your knowledge, have you ever used needles/equipment that had been used by someone who later got AIDS or had a positive blood test for the AIDS virus (HIV)

No

Yes

8d. Of the times that you used needles or other equipment to inject yourself that was used by someone else, how often did you clean the needles or equipment?

Never = 0%

Some of the time = 25%

Half of the time = 50%

More than half of the time = 75%

Every time = 100%

8e. Please tell me how you cleaned the needles or equipment you used:

\_\_\_\_\_ Water only

\_\_\_\_\_ Cleaning with alcohol

\_\_\_\_\_ Rinsing in bleach

\_\_\_\_\_ Cleaning with peroxide

\_\_\_\_\_ Rinse with water

\_\_\_\_\_ Cleaning with some other way.

Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

These next questions are going to be about sex. These questions refer to sex that was wanted or unwanted as well as sex that was for money or drugs. Please be as truthful as possible.

9. Have you ever had vaginal sex? **(By vaginal sex, we mean has anyone ever put his penis into your vagina/private part?)**

No

Yes

**Contingency questions below:**

We are now going to ask you some more questions about vaginal sex. Please be as truthful as possible.

9a. how old were you the first time that you had vaginal sex? \_\_\_\_\_

9b. As far as you know, have you ever had vaginal sex with...

\_\_\_ Anyone who has worked as a prostitute

\_\_\_ Anyone who has HIV or AIDS

\_\_\_ Anyone who injected drugs

\_\_\_ Anyone whose sexual history you didn't know very well.

9c. How many times in the past 6 months did you have vaginal sex? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you did not have vaginal sex in the past 6 months, please stop now. If you did have vaginal sex in the past 6 months, please continue with question 9d.**

9d. Of the times that you had vaginal sex in the past 6 months, how often did you or your partner use condoms/latex protection?

Never

Some of the time

Half of the time

More than half of the time

Every time

9e. Of the times that you didn't use a condom/latex protection during vaginal sex in the past 6 months, please write why you didn't use protection.

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**Does not apply to me**, I always used protection during vaginal sex.

9f. When you used condoms/latex protection during vaginal sex in the past 6 months, where did you get them?

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**Does not apply to me**, I never used protection during vaginal sex.

10. Have you ever had anal sex? **[By anal sex we mean, has anyone ever put his penis in your anus/butt?]**

No

Yes

**Contingency questions below:**

We are now going to ask you some more questions about anal sex. Please be as truthful as possible.

10a. How old were you the first time that you had anal sex? \_\_\_\_\_

10b. As far as you know, have you ever had anal sex with...

\_\_\_ Anyone who has worked as a prostitute

\_\_\_ Anyone who has HIV or AIDS

\_\_\_ Anyone who injects drugs

\_\_\_ Anyone whose sexual history you didn't know very well

10c. How many times in the past 6 months

did you have anal sex? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you did not have any sex in the past 6 months, please stop now. If you did have anal sex in the past 6 months, please continue with 10d.**

10d. Of the times that you had anal sex in the past 6 months, how often did you or your partner use condoms/latex protection?

Never

Some of the time

Half of the time

More than half of the time

Every time

10e. Of the times that you didn't use a condom/latex protection during anal sex in the past 6 months, please write why you didn't use protection.

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**Does not apply to me,** I always used protection during anal sex.

10f. When you used condoms/latex protection during anal sex in the past 6 months, where did you get them?

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**Does not apply to me,** I never used protection during anal sex.

11. Have you ever had oral sex? **[By oral sex we mean, have you ever put your mouth on anyone else's penis/vagina or has anyone else put his/her mouth on your vagina/private parts?]**

No

Yes

**Contingency questions below:**

We are now going to ask you some more questions about oral sex. Please be as truthful as possible.

11a. How old were you the first time you had oral sex? \_\_\_\_\_

11b. As far as you know, have you ever had oral sex with...

\_\_\_ Anyone who has worked as a prostitute

\_\_\_ Anyone who has HIV or AIDS

\_\_\_ Anyone who injects drugs

\_\_\_ Anyone whose sexual history you didn't know very well

11c. How many times in the past 6 months

did you have oral sex? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you did not have oral sex in the past 6 months, please stop now. If you did have oral sex in the past 6 months, please continue with 11d.**

11d. Of the times that you had oral sex in the past 6 months, how often did you or your partner use condoms/latex protection?

Never

Some of the time

Half of the time

More than half of the time

Every time

11e. Of the times that you didn't use a condom/latex protection during oral sex in the past 6 months, please write why you didn't use protection.

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**Does not apply to me, I always used protection during oral sex.**

11f. When you used condoms/latex protection during oral sex in the past 6 months, where did you get them?

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**Does not apply to me, I never used protection during oral sex.**

12. Does not apply to females:

Male version asks: #12. Has anyone ever put penis in your anus/butt? No

Yes

**Contingency questions below:**

We are now going to ask you some more questions about anal sex. Please be as truthful as possible.

12a. How old were you the first time someone put his penis in your anus/butt?  
\_\_\_\_\_

12b. Have any of the following people put their penis in your anus/butt?

\_\_\_ Anyone who has worked as a prostitute

\_\_\_ Anyone who has HIV or AIDS

\_\_\_ Anyone who injects drugs

\_\_\_ Anyone whose sexual history you didn't know very well

12c. How many times in the past 6 months did someone put his penis in your anus/butt? \_\_\_\_\_

**In no one has put his penis in your anus/butt in the past 6 months, please stop now. If someone has put his penis in your anus/butt in the past 6 months, please continue with 12d.**

12d. Of the times in the past 6 months that someone put his penis in your anus/butt, how often did your partner use condoms/latex protection?

Never

Some of the time

Half of the time

More than half of the time

Every time

12e. Of the times that you didn't use a condom/latex protection in the past 6 months when someone put his penis in your anus/butt, please write why you didn't use protection. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Does not apply to me, I always used protection during anal sex**

12f. When you used condoms/latex protection in the past 6 months when someone put his penis in your anus/butt, where did you get them?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Does not apply to me, I never used protection during anal sex.**

13. Have you ever had or been told by a doctor or nurse that you had any of the following medical conditions? Please indicate yes or no for each medical condition and write the number of times a medical professional told you this.

		No	Yes	# of times
A	Hepatitis			
B	TB (Tuberculosis)			
C	Mono (Mononucleosis)			
D	Gonorrhea/clap			
E	Syphilis/syph			
F	Chlamydia			
G	Yeast infections			
H	Genital herpes			
I	Genital warts			
J	Trichomonas/trich			
K	Abscesses (related to drug use)			
L	<b>HIV/AIDS</b>			

14. Do you know anyone who has/had HIV/AIDS?

No

Yes

14a. **If yes**, how many people have you known with HIV/AIDS? \_\_\_\_\_

**Does not apply to me, I don't know anyone who has/had HIV/AIDS:**

14b. If yes, how close are/were these people to you?

Not Close

A little Close

Close

Very Close

Does not apply to me, I don't know anyone who has had HIV/AIDS

15. Do you know anyone who has died from HIV/AIDS?

No

Yes

15a. **If yes**, how many people do you know who have died from HIV/AIDS? \_\_\_\_\_

**Does not apply to me**, I don't know anyone who has died from HIV/AIDS:

15b. **If yes**, how close was/were these people to you?

Not Close

A little Close

Close

Very Close

Does not apply to me, I don't know anyone who has died from HIV/AIDS

16. Do you know anyone who you think has HIV/AIDS?

No

Yes

17. Where did you get your information about HIV/AIDS?

Family

Friends

Doctor

School

TV or Radio

Books/Pamphlet

Therapist/Counselor

No Information

**Contingency questions: (Numbering for these questions start at #24, but unclear as to why.)**

These next questions are about anal, oral, or vaginal sex. Please answer as truthfully as possible.

24. How many male sex partners have you had in the past?

6 Mos \_\_\_\_ 3 Mos \_\_\_\_ 1 Month \_\_\_\_

25. How many female sex partners have you had in the past?

6 Mos \_\_\_\_ 3 Mos \_\_\_\_ 1 Month \_\_\_\_

26. Have you ever had sex while drinking or taking drugs?

No

Yes

26a. **If yes**, of those times that you had sex while drinking or taking drugs, how often did you or your partner use condoms/latex protection?

Never

Some of the time

Half of the time

More than half of the time

Every time

**Does not apply to me**, I never had sex while drinking or taking drugs

27. Have you ever given sex for money or drugs?

No

Yes

28. Have you ever given money or drugs for sex?

No

Yes

29f. Have you ever been pregnant?

No

Yes

29fa. **If yes**, how many times have you been pregnant? \_\_\_\_

**Does not apply to me**, I have never been pregnant:

30. Have you ever talked with a partner about AIDS before having sex?

No

Yes

31. Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the last time?

No

Yes

32. The last time you has sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?

No

Yes