

The Senior Alcohol Misuse Indicator (SAMI) is a brief, senior-specific screening tool with questions that are designed to detect existing or potential alcohol problems in older adults without eliciting negative reactions, such as denial and defensiveness, from those being screened. Print form.

Element	Details
Time to Administer	Patient-dependent.
Type	Screening Tool > Linked Resource
Setting	Any
Administration	Health Care Provider
Interpretation	<p>Read aloud each question to the respondent and record their responses. Mark the checkboxes in the scoring key to correspond with the responses and add up the final score.</p> <p>A score of 1 or above suggests that the respondent is a problem drinker or an at-risk drinker (i.e., is at-risk for negative consequences related to their alcohol consumption).</p>
Reference	<p>SAMI screening tool. (n.d.). Retrieved December 5, 2019, from https://www.porticonetwork.ca/tools/clinical-tools/sami-screening-tool.</p> <p>Purcell, B. & Olmstead, M.C. (2014). The performance and feasibility of three brief alcohol screening tools in a senior population. <i>Canadian Psychology</i>, 55 (2a), 19.</p>

Permission has been received from Dr. Bonnie Percell, the developer of the SAMI, to reference this tool.