Given the concerns about COVID-19, Evince Diagnostics is offering fellow NAATP members special access to newly available online assessments at evincediagnostics.com.

Some of the tools could be used to minimize staff exposure. Here are two suggestions:

The **TAAD-5** is a brief (10-minute) triage tool covering all 11 DSM-5 criteria to identify whether there is evidence of a substance use disorder and whether the indicated level of severity warrants further evaluation or direct referral to treatment. With the online version of this instrument any staff person could administer the interview over the phone. A clinician could then make clinical determinations or decision rules could be employed for initial dispositions. For example, research on the TAAD-5 has shown that about 50% of first-time DUI offenders do not meet DSM-5 criteria for a SUD, but almost 10% have a serious diagnosis. The remaining cases are in the mild to moderate range. Thus, the TAAD-5 could be used for initial decisions on the appropriateness of further assessment or direction to an intake.

The **CAAPE-5** provides a diagnostic assessment of substance use disorders and common co-occurring mental health conditions. The online version of the instrument can be set up as a computer-administered interview on a PC, tablet, or even a smart phone. Once a staff person enters the initial patient and demographic information a click selects self-administration. At this point the tablet or phone can be handed to the patient to answer the questions via button and dropdown options. Upon completion of the interview, the system locks, and the tablet/phone can be handed back to the staff person who could wipe down the device with a disinfectant and enter a password to unlock the system. A few observation items and comments can then be entered and the pdf file with a summary of findings and listing of all responses can be downloaded and/or printed.

Other available guided online interviews are:

The **PADDI-5** (Practical Adolescent Dual Diagnostic Interview-5) designed for ages 12 to 18 covers mental health and substance use disorders but also includes inquires about suicidal ideation and victimization (physical, sexual, and emotional abuse). The PADDI-5 is used by adolescent treatment providers and clinicians doing evaluations for juvenile justice populations.

The **SUDDS-5** (Substance Use Disorder Diagnostic Schedule-5) provides the most detailed DSM-5 assessment of substance use disorders including age of onset for each problem by substance. This can be helpful for motivational enhancement as it provides a means of exploring how the addiction developed over time. Screens for PTSD, depression, and anxiety are included.

The CAAPE-5, SUDDS-5, and PADDI-5 cover DSM-5 criteria for substance use disorders and common co-occurring mental health conditions as well as informing Dimensions 1, 3, and 5 of the ASAM Criteria. They can be considered as components of a comprehensive biopsychosocial intake.

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