

TCUDS V – TCU Drug Screen V

Scoring & Interpretation Guide

Scoring Instructions. The TCU Drug Screen V (TCUDS V) is scored to produce a single total score which can range from 0 to 11. To compute the total TCUDS V score:

1. Assign 1 point to each “yes” response to items 1 through 9.
2. For items 10 and 11,
 - a. assign 1 point if respondent answers “yes” to either 10a or 10b;
 - b. assign 1 point if respondent answers “yes” to either 11a or 11b.
3. Sum 1-point “yes” responses for items 1 through 11, yielding a total score ranging between 0 and 11.
4. Note that items 12 through 17 are not included as part of the total TCUDS V score; they provide additional information that may be useful in guiding treatment decisions.

Interpreting Scores. Interpretation of the TCUDS V score corresponds with the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5)* criteria, and is based on a single disorder measured on the following continuum from mild to severe:

Mild disorder: Score of 2-3 points (presence of 2-3 symptoms)
Moderate disorder: Score of 4-5 points (presence of 4-5 symptoms)
Severe disorder: Score of 6 or more points (presence of 6 or more symptoms)

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Note: Data currently are being collected to establish the psychometric properties of the TCU Drug Screen V.