TCU Drug Screen 5

*Scoring & Interpretation Guide*

**Scoring Instructions.**U The TCU Drug Screen 5 is scored to produce a single total score which

can range from 0 to 11. To compute the total TCU Drug Screen 5 score:

1. Assign 1 point to each “yes” response to items 1 through 9.
2. For items 10 and 11,
   1. assign 1 point if respondent answers “yes” to either 10a or 10b;
   2. 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 5 score; they provide additional information that may be useful in guiding treatment decisions.

**Interpreting Scores.** Interpretation of the TCU Drug Screen 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.

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