

ILLICIT DRUGS QUALITY INDEX

1. Case ascertainment

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| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nationwide survey/register/database (not for a specific population)Multiple institutions/centres |
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">RegionalCase/death registersOne treatment institution/hospital etc. |
| 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Not specified |

2. Measurement instrument

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| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Interview/self-reported drug use (comment about reporting type, eg. self-report or standardised interview)In treatment for drug dependence |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Systematic case note/database/reports reviewBlood and/or urine toxicology screen |
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chart diagnosis |
| 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Not specified |

3. Diagnostic criteria

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| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Any diagnostic system reported for drug dependence or abuse (not use) eg., DSM, ICD, RDC (comment, eg. DSM)Dependence inferred from type of sample population (comment, eg. treatment centre) |
| 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Drug useOwn systemSymptoms describedNo systemNot specified |

4. Estimate

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| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Yes (comment on what type of estimate, eg. relative risk, SMR, prevalence, incidence) |
| 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">No |

5. Numerator and denominator presented?

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| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Yes |
| 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">No |

6. Numerator and denominator based on identical epochs and identical catchment areas?

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| 1 | • Yes |
| 0 | • No |

7. Completeness of follow-up in cohort studies and response for cross-section studies

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| 2 | • High response rate/inclusion of defined sample population (>80%) |
| 1 | • Moderate response rate (60% - 79%) • Exclusions made |
| 0 | • Poor response rate (<60%) |

8. Representative of the catchment area?

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| 2 | • Well represented • National registers • Multiple institutions across states |
| 1 | • Small area • Not representative of nation • One treatment centre • Registers of specific populations, eg. pilots |
| 0 | • Convenient sampling • Other (comment) |

9. Age/sex specific values presented?

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| 2 | • Yes |
| 1 | • Some (eg. sex and 2 broad age ranges only) |
| 0 | • No |

10. Quality of methods of reporting

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| Text | • Eg. translation of tools, interviewer's quality, quality control monitoring, limitations of data, high quality methods used etc |
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11. Duration of follow-up

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| Text | • Eg. Number of years at follow-up – small sample size over a number of years etc. |
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