



# GAIN Short Screener 3.0 Interviewer instruction sheet

## 1. Introduction (read to the participant)

To help us get a better understanding of any problems you might have, how those problems are related to each other, and what kind of services might help you the most, I would like to spend about 5 to 10 minutes asking you some questions as part of a short screener that we use with many of our clients. Your answers are private and will be used only for your treatment and to help us evaluate our own services.

Please answer each question as accurately as you can. If you are not sure about an answer, please give us your best guess. If you simply do not know the answer to a question, you can tell me and I'll enter "DK" for that item. You may also refuse to answer any question, and I'll enter "RF" for that item. Please ask if you do not understand a question or a word. At the end of the interview, I will check to make sure that everything is complete, and I'll answer any additional questions.

Do you have any questions before we begin?

## 2. Cognitive Impairment Screener

Because we are going to ask you a lot of questions about when and how often things have happened, I need to start by getting a sense of how well your memory is working right now.

- a. What year is it now?  
(Circle 4 for any error) .....0 4
- b. What month is it now?  
(Circle 3 for any error) .....0 3

Please repeat this phrase after me: John Brown, 42 Mark Street, Detroit.  
(No score—used for f below)

- c. About what time is it?  
(Circle 3 for any error) .....0 3
- d. Please count backwards from 20 to 1.  
[20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]  
(Circle 2 for one error, 4 for 2 or more errors) .....0 2 4
- e. Please say the days of the week in reverse order.  
[Sat, Fri, Thurs, Wed, Tues, Mon, Sun]  
(Circle 2 for one error, 4 for 2 or more errors) .....0 2 4
- f. Please repeat the phrase I asked you to repeat before.  
[John / Brown / 42 / Mark Street / Detroit]  
(Circle 2 for each subsection of /text/ missed) ...0 2 4 6 8 10
- g. (Add up scores from a through f and record) ..... |\_\_|\_\_|



### 3. Time frame anchoring

#### 30-day anchor

Several questions will ask you about things that may have happened during the past month, 2 to 3 months ago, 4 to 12 months ago, or more than 12 months ago. To help you remember these time periods, please look at this calendar. First, we will establish a 30-day anchor date. Do you recall anything that was happening on [30-DAY ANCHOR DATE]?

30-day anchor: v. \_\_\_\_\_

If the last time something happened was between [30-DAY ANCHOR] and now, please answer, “past month.”

#### 90-day anchor

Next, we’ll establish a 90-day anchor date. Do you recall anything that was happening on [90-DAY ANCHOR DATE]?

90-day anchor: \_\_\_\_\_

If the last time something happened was between [90-DAY ANCHOR] and [30-DAY ANCHOR], please answer, “2 to 3 months ago.”

#### 12-month anchor

Finally, we’ll establish a 12-month anchor date. Do you recall anything that was happening on [12-MONTH ANCHOR DATE]?

12-month anchor: v. \_\_\_\_\_

If the last time something happened was between [12-MONTH ANCHOR DATE] and [90-DAY ANCHOR DATE], please answer, “4 to 12 months ago.” If the last time something happened was before [12-MONTH ANCHOR DATE], please answer, “More than 12 months ago.” And if something never happened, please answer, “Never.”

### 4. Response choices for the GAIN Short Screener

Please use these response choices when answering the questions on the GAIN Short Screener:

<b>Past month</b> .....	<b>4</b>
<b>2 to 3 months ago</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<b>4 to 12 months ago</b> .....	<b>2</b>
<b>1+ years ago</b> .....	<b>1</b>
<b>Never</b> .....	<b>0</b>