



# Navigation Handout

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## Navigating the ASAM CONTINUUM Interface

In this handout you will find an overview of key features of the ASAM CONTINUUM interface. Feel free to use this handout as a refresher while you conduct practice assessments. The outlined features will help you to gain more confidence as you prepare to begin using the tool with patients.

### 1. Required and Non-Required Questions

#### General Information

Class of Assessment	<input type="text"/>
This interview was conducted (Phone or telehealth interview requires more data from patient self-report.)	<input type="text"/>
Special Interview Circumstances	<input type="text"/>
"How long have you lived at your current address?"	Years <input type="text"/> Months <input type="text"/>
"Is this residence owned by you or your family?"	<input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="No"/>
"Have you been in a controlled environment in the past 30 days?"	<input type="text"/>
Has the patient been released from a penal institution (e.g., jail or prison) within the past 6 months, or is the patient soon to be released?	<input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="No"/>

Questions highlighted in yellow indicate that an answer is required. You will not be able to submit the assessment if any of the yellow questions have been skipped (figure 1).

(figure 1)

#### Employment and Support History

"How much education have you completed?"	Years <input type="text"/> Months <input type="text"/>
"Have you completed any formal training or technical education?"	Years <input type="text"/> Months <input type="text"/>
"Do you have a profession, trade or skill?"	<input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="No"/>
"Do you have a valid driver's license?"	<input checked="" type="button" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="No"/>
"Do you have an automobile available for your use?"	<input type="text"/>

If a required question is skipped, a red highlight will indicate that you must enter information before submitting the assessment (figure 2).

(figure 2)

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## 2. Tracking Progress

“% Complete” indicates if the section has been completed and helps you to track your progress.

Section	% Complete
Psychological History	100%
Psychological Interviewer Rating	100%

When all subsections are complete, a green checkmark will appear near the section title indicating that the entire section is complete (figure 3).

(figure 3)

The screenshot shows a questionnaire with several questions. The sections for 'Work', 'Home', 'School', 'Social activities', and 'Recreational activities' are highlighted in red, indicating they are incomplete. The 'Alcohol Use' section in the navigation panel is also highlighted in red.

If you attempt to submit the assessment before completing a section/subsection, the required questions will be highlighted in red (figure 4).

(figure 4)

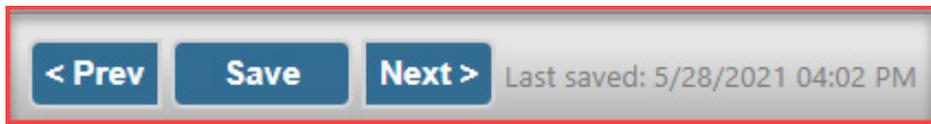
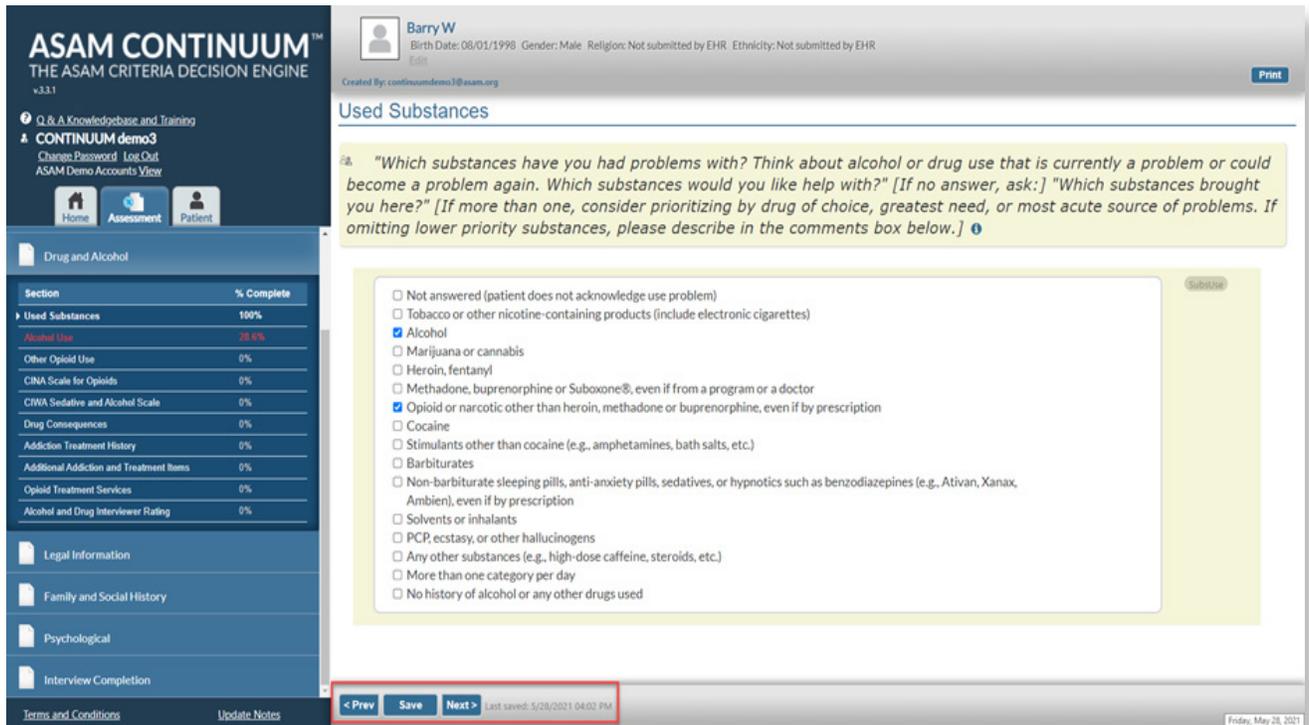
Section	% Complete
Used Substances	100%
<b>Alcohol Use</b>	<b>28.6%</b>
Other Opioid Use	0%
CINA Scale for Opioids	0%
CIWA Sedative and Alcohol Scale	0%
Drug Consequences	0%

The percentage of the data collected will be shown in the navigation panel and will appear in red if that subsection is incomplete at the time of a submission attempt (see figure 5).

(figure 5)

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## 3. Navigation Buttons on the Bottom of the Page



(figure 6)

**Save Button:** The save button has two main functions:

- saving data
  - yielding percentage completed.
- The last save time will be displayed at the bottom of the screen. (see figure 6).

**Next Button:** After saving, use “Next” to go to next section.

**Prev. Button:** use “Prev” to go back to a previous section.

Please note that the “Next” or “Prev” buttons are not the only way to navigate between sections and subsections. To navigate to the desired section/subsection, you can click on a section/subsection title in the navigation panel. This function will allow you to follow the patient’s lead during the interview.

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## 4. Comment Boxes

Has blood pressure been assessed/obtained? Yes No CIWABPa

Has heart rate been assessed/obtained? Yes No CIWAhra

Is the above information significantly distorted by the patient's misrepresentation? Yes No ASm10

Is the above information significantly distorted by the patient's inability to understand? Yes No ASm11

Comments: MedInfoN

Make sure to utilize the comment boxes and add any additional information that should be included in the patient's file (figure 7).

(figure 7)

The notes entered in the comment boxes will be included in the final report and may have an impact on the final Level of Care decision.

## 5. Information icons

### Additional Addiction and Treatment Items

"Which substance is the major problem?"

"Imagine yourself in the environment in which you previously used drugs and/or alcohol. If you were living in this environment today, what is the likelihood that you would use?"

"Rate how strong your urges are for a drug and/or alcohol when something in the environment reminds you of it."

"How strong is your desire to use any drug or alcohol right now?"

The information icon serves as a guide to support the interpretation of a question or to solicit a more targeted response (figure 8).

(figure 8)

If patient has HIV or AIDS, ask: "Do you need special nursing or medical care, or complicated medicines for this?" If yes, ask: "Does this require residential care or supportive housing?"

"Do you have a tuberculosis infection (Tb)? If yes, ask: "Is it being treated or was it fully treated?"

"Are you taking any prescribed medication on a regular basis for a physical problem?"

"List the medications you are taking and indicate the medical condition for each medication."

To access the information, hover over the "i" icon (figure 9). It is recommended to refer to the information icons more often during the first few assessments completed.

(figure 9)

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## 6. Using the ASAM CONTINUUM via Telehealth

General Information

Class of Assessment

This interview was conducted (NOTE: Phone or telehealth interview requires data from patient self-report.)

Special Interview Circumstances

"How long have you lived at your current address?"  
Years  Months

When assessing a patient via telehealth, select "by phone or telehealth video" in the general information section (figure 10).

(figure 10)

## CIWA Sedative and Alcohol Scale

"Do you feel sick to your stomach or vomited?"

Time frame: now, during this part of the day. If you are unable to assess, for example, due to an audio or video telehealth interview, etc., ask about any shakiness. Have patients touch their own fingertips together lightly and ask if they feel if any tremor is present.

"Please raise your arms straight out in front of you and spread your fingers apart." (Touch your fingertips to the patient's fingertips on both hands and observe)

Some information icons will include guidance for assessing the patient via telehealth (figure 11).

(figure 11)

Telehealth guidance will often instruct the interviewer to ask the patient to make a self observation or conduct a short test like touching their fingertips together in order to determine if they feel a tremor.