



Core Determinants of Health Screening Tool, aka the “Core 5” BECHTEL & JONES

Assess clients for the following core social determinants of health (CDH). If any one or more of the following five CDHs (the “Core 5”) is a “yes” by the client, or if the client is hesitant to answer the Core 5 screening, refer the client for more in-depth assessment and assistance.

| | YES | NO |
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| 1. Do you/your family worry about whether your food will run out and you won't be able to get more? ^{1, 2} | | |
| 2. Are you worried about losing your housing, or are you homeless? ³ | | |
| 3. Are you currently having issues at home with your utilities such as your heat, electric, natural gas or water? ^{4, 5} | | |
| 4. Has a lack of transportation kept you from attending medical appointments or from work, or from getting things you need for daily living? ^{6, 7, 8} | | |
| 5. Are you worried that someone may hurt you or your family? ⁹ | | |

1. United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. (2012). *U.S. household food security survey module: Three-stage design, with screeners*. Retrieved from <https://www.ers.usda.gov/media/8271/hh2012.pdf>
 - “(I/We) worried whether (my/our) food would run out before (I/we) got money to buy more.” Was that often true, sometimes true, or never true for (you/your household) in the last 12 months?
2. Billioux, A., Verlander, K., Anthony, s., & Alley, D. (2017). Standardized screening for health-related social needs in clinical settings: the accountable health communities screening tool. Retrieved from <https://nam.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Standardized-Screening-for-Health-Related-Social-Needs-in-Clinical-Settings.pdf>
 - “Within the past 12 months, you worried that your food would run out before you got money to buy more.”
3. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. (2014). *Homelessness screening clinical reminder*. Retrieved from <https://www.va.gov/homeless/nchav/research/assessment-tools/hscr.asp#>

- *“Are you worried or concerned that in the next 2 months you may NOT have stable housing that you own, rent, or stay in as part of a household?”*
4. Health Leads. (2016). *Social needs screening toolkit*. Retrieved from <https://healthleadsusa.org/tools-item/health-leads-screening-toolkit/>
 - *“In the last 12 months, has your utility company shut off your service for not paying your bills?”*
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 - *“In the past 12 months has the electric, gas, oil, or water company threatened to shut off services in your home?”*
 6. Health Leads. (2016). *Social needs screening toolkit*. Retrieved from <https://healthleadsusa.org/tools-item/health-leads-screening-toolkit/>
 - *“In the last 12 months, have you ever had to go without health care because you didn’t have a way to get there?”*
 7. HealthBegins. (2015). *Upstream risks screening tool and guide V2.6*. Los Angeles, CA: Manchanda, R., & Gottlieb, L.
 - *How often is it difficult to get transportation to or from your medical or follow-up appointments?*
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 - *“In the past 12 months, has lack of transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work or from getting things needed for daily living?”*
 9. Billioux, A., Verlander, K., Anthony, s., & Alley, D. (2017). Standardized screening for health-related social needs in clinical settings: the accountable health communities screening tool. Retrieved from <https://nam.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Standardized-Screening-for-Health-Related-Social-Needs-in-Clinical-Settings.pdf>
 - *“How often does anyone, including family, physically hurt you?”*
 10. Rhodes, K., Lauderdale, D., He, T., Howes, D., & Levinson, W. (2002). *Computer-based IPV questionnaire: Intimate partner violence questions*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/ipv/ipvandsvscreening.pdf>.
 - *“Is there someone you are afraid to disagree with because they might hurt you or other family members?”*

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