

DAWN Decision Tree

Is this a DAWN Case? Based on documentation in the chart, was the ED visit for a condition induced by or related to drug use?

NO

STOP
Not a DAWN Case

YES

This is a DAWN Case.
Answer the following questions in order. Assign Type of Case to first Yes.

1. Does the chart indicate that the patient attempted suicide with a drug involved?

YES

01 SUICIDE ATTEMPT
▪ "Suicide attempt"
▪ Completed suicide
▪ Attempted to kill self

NO

- "Suicide ideation"
- No documentation of suicide attempt
- Psych evaluation
- Tried to harm self

2. Does the chart indicate that the patient was seeking detox or entry into a drug treatment program?

YES

02 SEEKING DETOX
▪ Seeking detoxification
▪ Medical clearance for drug treatment admission
▪ Request for drug rehabilitation

NO

- Withdrawal, but not seeking detox

3. Is the patient under age 21 and alcohol is the only drug mentioned in the chart?

YES

03 ALCOHOL ONLY (AGE < 21)
▪ Patient under age 21 and alcohol is the only drug

NO

- Other drug(s) and alcohol are involved
- Patient is age 21 or over

4. Does the chart indicate that the patient had an "adverse reaction" to a prescription drug, over-the-counter medication, or dietary supplement taken as prescribed or recommended?

YES

04 ADVERSE REACTION
▪ Allergic reactions
▪ Drug interactions
▪ "Side effect" of drug

NO

- Unexpected reaction to illicit drugs
- Too little medication; took less than prescribed dose
- Took someone else's drug or medication

5. Did the patient exceed the prescribed dose of a prescription drug or the recommended dose of an over-the-counter medication or dietary supplement?

YES

05 OVERMEDICATION
▪ Tried to make up a missed dose
▪ Forgot they had taken a dose
▪ Treated symptoms that did not subside with recommended dose

NO

- Illicit drugs
- Malicious poisoning
- Took someone else's prescription medication
- Accidentally took the wrong drug or medication

6. Does the chart indicate that the patient was deliberately poisoned or drugged by another person?

YES

06 MALICIOUS POISONING
▪ Drug-facilitated assault
▪ Drug-facilitated rape
▪ Homicide with drug as the weapon
▪ Product tampering

NO

7. Does the chart indicate that the drug was used accidentally or unknowingly?

YES

07 ACCIDENTAL INGESTION
▪ Accidental child poisoning
▪ Took wrong drug or medication

NO

08 OTHER
Any DAWN Case not assigned above