Current Opioid Misuse Measure® (COMM)

Background
1. The Current Opioid Misuse Measure® (COMM) is a 17-item, patient self-assessment measure designed to identify those patients with chronic pain taking opioids who have indicators of current aberrant drug-related behaviors (ADRBs).
2. Scoring is based on a Likert 5-point scale from 0 (never) to 4 (very often).
3. The COMM cut-off score is 9 or above.
5. The COMM psychometric measures are acceptable to predict aberrant drug-taking behavior prior to the initiation of opioid therapy.
6. Further research in more patients and long-term reliability is needed.

Question Topics:
- Memory and clarity of thinking
- Task completion
- Medication adherence
- Self-harm
- Medication supply
- Anger
- Conflict
- Anxiety

Interpretation
1. A score of 9 or above is a positive indicator, ie, patient has been identified as misusing his/her medication and is at an increased risk of abuse, and the patient may require additional precautions and/or monitoring if treated with long-term opioid therapy.

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