

Methadone Treatment Quality Assurance System (MTQAS)

Name of instrument	Methadone Treatment Quality Assurance System (MTQAS)
Summary overview	The Methadone Treatment Quality Assurance System (MTQAS) project was designed to help the provider community, policy makers, and other involved experts determine whether an outcome-based performance measurement system can be developed and utilized by addiction treatment programs. MTQAS is mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; data for the state is aggregate to determine system-wide outcomes. Although the primary purpose is to track large system outcomes, data can be used at the provider level. Provider organizations are encouraged to use their site-specific data to drive quality of care focused decision making.
Publisher/source	The National Institute on Drug Abuse/National Institutes of Health (NIDA/NIH) funded the study called the Methadone Treatment Quality Assurance System (MTQAS). The study was conducted by the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) in collaboration with the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD). The MTQAS can be obtained through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
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Access information	Contact Massachusetts DPH (see above)
Pricing information	Contact Massachusetts DPH (see above)
Self vs. other administered	Administered by clinician
Method of administration	Paper and pencil
Time for administration	One hour for the initial assessment and 30 minutes for the follow up assessment
Time for scoring	Data sent to Massachusetts DPH for scoring
Staff training level needed for administration	Clinician
Staff training level needed for scoring and reporting	Data sent to Massachusetts DPH for scoring
How are reports generated?	Reports are generated by the Massachusetts DPH.
Languages available	Not indicated.
Scales (if appropriate)	The MTQAS outcomes includes self-reported drug-using behaviors and results from urine tests, as well as social functioning, physical and mental health, utilization of medical services, the patient's satisfaction with services, and retention in treatment.
Appropriate clinical population(s)	Adults receiving methadone treatment
Appropriate level(s) of care	The MTQAS has been used primarily for narcotic addiction treatment programs, but the tool is stated to be appropriate for use in all types of substance abuse treatment.
Stand-alone instrument vs. system	MTQAS is a system that includes the Client Assessment Profile (CAP), a structured, comprehensive screening tool, the Record Abstraction Form (RAF), and Program Director's Questionnaire (PDQ).
Age range	Adults