

Instructions for Completing the Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment

Data Collection

The CIWA-AR is a 10-item interviewer-administered scale that contains 10 alcohol withdrawal signs and symptoms and is commonly used as a tool to guide the clinical management of alcohol withdrawal.

Baseline:

The CIWA-AR will be administered at the baseline visit only, and is used in determining participant eligibility. Use clinical judgment to determine if the CIWA needs to be collected prior to the day of randomization. The CIWA **MUST** be collected on the day of randomization prior to the participant being notified of the treatment assignment as the CIWA score might prevent him or her from being randomized that day.

For those participants whose CIWA-AR is ≥ 8 at Visit 0 (day of randomization), but who are otherwise eligible for randomization, the CIWA-AR can be repeated to determine eligibility as long as 21 days of abstinence is not exceeded.

If the CIWA is completed on more than one occasion, the information should be documented on separate forms. The forms should be labeled week 0 but the sequence numbers should be different (01, 02, etc.).

Scoring:

Sum of the rating scores for each response (items 3 through 12) The maximum score is 67.