Qualitative Interview Guide

Ice Breaker

1. Can you tell me about your role at your organization and how long you have been involved in STOP?

Research Questions

- 2. What training, if any, have you received for addressing risky alcohol use?
 - a. Probe for different levels of alcohol use (exceeding CCS guidelines, at risk of dependence, etc.)
 - b. Probe for whether training impacted the way they address smoking cessation
- 3. Can you tell me about your experiences using the STOP portal since alcohol-related changes such as alcohol questions, educational resources, [Intervention Group only: brief intervention messaging]) were added?
 - a. Gauge for positive vs. negative overall impression, comfort level
- 4. Can you describe your experience identifying patients (i.e. via screening questions) who drink above CCS alcohol guidelines?
 - a. Probe for ease/difficulty level
- 5. How are patients responding to the new alcohol-related <u>questions</u> to STOP at your clinic? How relevant do you feel these questions are for your patients?
- 6. Intervention Group only: What are your overall impressions of the brief intervention script to help clients reduce their drinking?
 - a. Probe for: clients who drink at different levels, with comorbidities, income; did it seem effective; what would make it better
- How are patients responding to the new alcohol-related educational resources available as part of the STOP questionnaire? Probe for clients who **drink** at different levels, different socioeconomic statuses, genders.
 - a. How relevant do you feel these resources are for your patients? If not relevant, probe for why, including why resources not offered
 - b. How are the resources received by patients? If not received well, probe for why, including why resources not accepted
- 8. What are your overall impressions of the additional educational resources (i.e. sleep, stress, etc.) provided through the STOP portal?
 - a. How effective, if at all, do they seem for your clients? How could they be improved?

- 9. How did the STOP portal function after the alcohol-related changes were added? (e.g. survey question logic, sharing of resources, [Intervention Group only: CDSS prompting])
- 10. How has this adaptation impacted your current workflow in the STOP program? In your practice in general?
 - a. Probe: Has adaptation affected length of time to complete baseline? Has adaptation impacted how many new patients are seen? Has adaptation impacted how many patients return for follow-up visits?
 - b. Probe: How does this adaptation fit with other initiatives happening in your clinic?
 - c. Probe: How, if at all, has this adaptation been used for your patients not participating in the STOP program? (i.e. using same screening measures, sharing resources with non-STOP patients, etc.)
- 11. How prepared do you feel your clinic was to adopt the new alcohol-related changes, such as alcohol questions, educational resources, [Intervention Group only: brief intervention messaging] to STOP?
 - a. Probe: sufficient staff to deliver the program; staff knowledge/training/skills in alcohol reduction, equipped to improve implementation over time)
- 12. What challenges and barriers to delivering the alcohol intervention as part of the *STOP program* did you encounter? How did you address these challenges or barriers? Please explain.
 - a. Probe, if not already covered:
 - i. Organizational: lack of time, resources, support, funding; other priorities; technical difficulties
 - ii. Practitioner-level: lack of staff confidence, knowledge, training, difficult scoring alcohol questions
 - Patient-level: complex patient cases, mental health issues, other addictions, patients not ready to quit smoking and reduce alcohol consumption, patient not interested in receiving the resources
 - iv. Program specific challenges: question was annoying, resources were hard to find, (Group A: screeners difficult to manually score), questionnaire changes were burdensome, etc.
- 13. How might we be able to improve this adaptation for you? What changes could be made to help streamline your workflow?
- 14. How prepared is your organization to carry out future adaptations to the STOP program?
 - a. Probe: Addressing additional behaviors simultaneously with smoking cessation (i.e. first alcohol, then mood/stress/etc.)
- 15. How might we be able to improve this adaptation for clients?
- 16. Thus far, what changes have you observed in smoking cessation rates at your clinic as a result of delivering the alcohol intervention as part of *STOP program*?

- 17. Thus far, what changes have you observed in alcohol consumption levels at your clinic as a result of delivering the alcohol intervention as part of *STOP program*?
- 18. Thus far, what changes have you observed, if any, in client satisfaction at your clinic as a result of delivering the alcohol intervention as part of *STOP program*?

Closing Question

19. Is there any other feedback or advice that you would like to provide for us regarding this initiative and the STOP portal adaptation?