

## More questions

- \* Questions about drugs you are taking
- \* Questions about how you are doing in different areas of your life (for example, family/social, legal, employment areas)

The study follow-up visits will take about one hour each to finish.

### 6. *What will I get for taking part in the study?*

The intake procedures used in this study are designed to help you reach your recovery goals. Information from this study may help others in the future. You will receive up to \$30 for doing the assessments and follow-up interviews.

### 7. *Will I have any bad effects from taking part in the study?*

There are no known negative effects from the therapies used in this study.

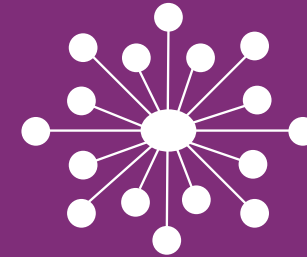
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National Drug Abuse Treatment

# Clinical Trials Network



MOTIVATIONAL  
INTERVIEWING

*A research study on preparing people for change*

*Should I join the  
Motivational Interviewing  
(MI) Study?*

*Forging partnerships to  
improve the quality of  
drug abuse treatment  
throughout the nation...*

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## Introduction

People have the best chance of recovery from drug dependence if they stay in treatment and use the services recommended. However, some people find it hard to complete their treatment programs. The National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN) is doing a study called *Motivational Interviewing* (MI) to test ways to help people prepare to make changes that will support their recovery.

You are being invited to take part in this study to help find out how therapists can best assist people who are working toward recovery. Your participation is entirely voluntary. If you choose not to take part, your treatment will not be affected in any way.

## Description of the Study

The study compares how well people do when they receive the Standard Intake session at this clinic or Standard Intake with Motivational Interviewing techniques added to it.

An intake counselor or study coordinator will need to get your written permission. You will need to review and sign an informed consent paper. You are encouraged to ask as many questions as you want to help you decide whether or not to participate. If you are willing to join the study, you will be asked to complete a brief set of questions that will take about half an hour.

After completing these questions, you will be assigned to get either:

### STANDARD INTAKE

This refers to the established intake interview for this provider.

### STANDARD INTAKE WITH MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING (MI)

During the standard intake, your therapist will use certain procedures to help motivate and focus on plans for changing drug use.

Both of these intake procedures will last about 2 hours. After your intake, you will be referred to treatment services at this clinic.

## If You Decide to Join

If you decide to take part in the study, here is what you can expect:

1. You will be assigned at random (for example, by the flip of a coin) to receive either Standard Intake alone or Standard Intake with Motivational Interviewing (that means you can't choose which one you will get). If you decide to join this study you must be willing to accept the Intake procedure that you were assigned.
2. In order to be sure that you are being given the Intake procedure you were assigned, your intake session will be audiotaped (tape-recorded). The purpose of audiotaping is so that an expert reviewer can make sure your therapist uses the right techniques during your intake. Your identity will be kept confidential; the tapes will be labeled only with a number assigned to you and your full name will never be mentioned on the tape. The tapes will be kept in a locked, secure location and will be erased at the end of the study.
3. You will meet with a research assistant at 1 and 3 months after admission to answer some questions about your drug use and to give a urine and breath sample. The urine sample will be tested for opiates, cocaine, amphetamines, marijuana, and benzodiazepines. The breath sample will be tested for alcohol level.

4. All of the information that you give us, including urine test results, will be kept confidential. The staff will explain the details of confidentiality to you.

## Questions about the study

These are the answers to some questions about the study that may help you decide if you would like to take part in the study.

### 1. How long will I be in the study?

The study will include a 2-hour assessment and intake, and follow-up interviews at 1 and 3 months after admission. Therefore, you will be in the study for a total of 3 months.

### 2. How many people will be taking part in the study?

About 500 people across the United States will take part in the study.

### 3. What will I have to do during the study?

You will not have to do much more than if you decide not to take part in the study.

- \* Go to your counseling sessions as usual
- \* Fill out questionnaires and give urine and breath samples at certain times
- \* Return for study follow-up visits
- \* Contact the clinic if you have any problems between visits

### 4. Can women who are pregnant or able to have children join the study?

Yes. There are no known side effects of these treatments on the health of pregnant women and unborn children.

### 5. What happens at study follow-up visits?

Study visits include:

- \* Questions about your health and how you are feeling