

Does Screening Classification Predict Long-term Outcomes of DWI Offenders?

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Objectives: To determine the usefulness of a screening classification system in predicting treatment use, current substance abuse disorders (SUD), and driving over the alcohol limit (DOL) at 15-year follow-up. **Methods:** Interviewed 583 driving while impaired (DWI) first offenders with SUDs. Univariate and multivariate statistics were used to determine predictors of long-term outcomes. **Results:** Screening classification

defined groups with different treatment histories and 15-year outcomes. Current SUDs were reported by 21% and DOL by 10%, of subjects. **Conclusions:** Group differences suggest that screening data could be used more effectively to triage and treat DWI offenders.

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