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Introducing the online version of ASI-MV

The wait is nearly over! We will shortly debut the online version of ASI-MV, a free upgrade from our current desktop program. There is no software to install, and, following the upgrade, the ASI-MV program is accessible using any Internet-connected computer. Here's a brief overview of how the upgrade can help you improve the quality of care in your clinic:

Allows you to focus on the client, not the software - ASI-MV saves you time. You no longer have to install the program to your computer, and automatic updates ensure that there's never a waiting time for the latest version.

Expedites and enhances treatment planning - Our new clinician dashboard makes it even easier to use the ASI-MV and CHAT. From your dashboard, you can start a client's self-administered

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assessment interview; run clinical reports to assist you with treatment planning; and generate analytics to gain insight to the population you treat.

Increases your flexibility - The online version gives you access from any Internet-connected computer, so you can log in and use program at any time, in any setting.

In addition, the new version simplifies budgeting for your facility. You pay a single licensing fee for the year, based on your estimate of the number of interviews you conduct. All current customers receive credit for the "uses" they have already purchased.

Current ASI-MV Connect customers:

We're here to answer any questions you may have. Contact us anytime for technical support at 800-848-3895 x268. For any other questions about the upgrade, please call Account Manager Edwina Ashe at 800-848-3895 x207.

Exploring behavioral health assessment solutions for your clinic?

We encourage you to visit the [ASI-MV Connect website](#) for information about the current program, and to call our team at 800.848.3895 x4 with any questions may you have about the upgrade.

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Computer-delivered, Self-Report, Substance Use Assessment for Adolescents”

All of our products are research-tested, and in April, the results from our NIDA/NIH grant-supported research to develop and validate the Comprehensive Health Assessment for Teens (CHAT) were published in Substance Use & Misuse ([Vol. 46, No. 6: Pages 781-794](#)).

“Reliability and validity of CHAT’s six problem dimensions were evaluated in two studies we conducted from 2003 to 2008,” says Albert Villapiano, Ed.D., Vice President of Clinical Development at Inflexxion and one of the authors of the article.

“CHAT allows for real-time data-capturing and provision of reports for clinicians and administrators, while reducing the resources needed for the assessment process (e.g., clinician time). Such technology-based infrastructure supports the current emphasis on continuity of care across service systems to improve client outcomes as well as build efficiencies to reduce healthcare costs.” Following is the abstract of the article. If you would like an author’s copy of the article, or to learn more about the CHAT tool, please [contact us](#).

CHAT: Development and validation of a computer-delivered, self-report, substance use assessment for adolescents - Lord, S.E., Trudeau, K., Black, R., Lorin, L., Cooney, E., Villapiano, A., & Butler, S.

The current study was conducted to construct and validate a computer-delivered, multimedia, substance use self-assessment for

adolescents. Reliability and validity of six problem dimensions were evaluated in two studies, conducted from 2003 to 2008. Study 1 included 192 adolescents from five treatment settings throughout the United States (N = 142) and two high schools from Greater Boston, Massachusetts (N = 50). Study 2 included 356 adolescents (treatment: N = 260; school: N = 94). The final version of Comprehensive Health Assessment for Teens (CHAT) demonstrated relatively strong psychometric properties. The limitations and implications of this study are noted. This study was supported by an SBIR grant.

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Participate in a clinical study of “Facing the Future” adult relapse prevention program

Facing the Future is an online, tailored relapse prevention program for adults in substance abuse treatment and in early recovery. It is being developed with the support of a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). It is intended to be used as a supplement to ongoing treatment for a client, and an easy-to-access resource once the client is out of treatment.

The aim of the program is to help adult clients to achieve: 1) improved skill set to cope and manage the challenges of early recovery and maintaining sobriety; 2) improved ability to use the Internet to find resources for wrap-around services; and 3) improved treatment compliance and alliance with counselors.

We plan to test the program at outpatient treatment centers nationwide in a 6-month field trial that will start in August 2011. We will be recruiting counselors and clients from each treatment center for this study, and will provide compensation to all participants for their time, resources, and efforts.

If you are interested in participating in the field trial, please contact Sadaf Charity, Program Manager, at scharity@inflexxion.com or 617.614.0374.

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Interested in the innovative use of technology in clinical practice? The ASI-MV Connect team has launched a [LinkedIn group](#) to help forge new connections between behavioral health researchers, technology developers, and clinicians who are using technology in their practice.

Join us to [connect with your colleagues](#) and discuss the clinical and technical issues surrounding the use of technology in substance abuse treatment.

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