

# Patient Placement Criteria

Some of the criteria we need to take into account when making our decision for referring a client to the appropriate treatment program.

## Client Characteristics

Age, gender, ethnic, and cultural background

Severity and course of illness, experiences with previous treatment

Relapse potential

Need for medical or addiction treatment or pharmacological, psychiatric, familial and social, employment, or legal services

Attitude toward entering and continuing treatment

Effects of environmental and social influences, such as living situation, family support, and susceptibility to abuse or neglect.

## Service Characteristics

Intensity of services

Intensity of environmental support

Availability of medical services

Variety of professional disciplines involved

Availability of services specific to cultural background, age, sex, or disabilities

Program elements Discharge planning Patient-to-staff ratio.