Everyone who receives a mental health assessment should receive a substance use screen

1 in 5

With a mental illness have a substance use disorder

71%

Have received a substance use assessment in the past year by a mental health professional

3%

Why is this important?

- Comorbid mental health and substance use is associated with:
  - Power mental & physical health outcomes
  - Increased risk of relapse

We need more substance use screening to improve health outcomes & help save lives.

60%

What are the benefits of screening?

- Values driven healthcare
- Improved treatment outcomes
- Appropriate interventions

What are the barriers?

- Lack of training
- Lack of time
- Perception of contraindication
- No GPR

What are the facilitators?

- Policy & Guidelines
- NGR Health & Documentation Guidelines

Online resources:
- Online curiosity testing available (enter the QR code)

Specialist comorbidity service:
- Training, consultancy and treatment options

Collaboration
- WHOS Clinical network and Collaborative care model