

Fagerström test for nicotine dependence

1. How soon after you wake up do you smoke your first cigarette? (Circle score)

Within 5 minutes	3
6–30 minutes	2
31–60 minutes	1
After 60 minutes	0

2. Do you find it difficult to refrain from smoking in the places where it is forbidden (e.g., in church, at the library, in cinema)?

Yes	1
No	0

3. Which cigarette would you hate most to give up?

The first one in the morning	1
Any other	0

4. How many cigarettes/day do you smoke?

10 or less	0
11–20	1
21–30	2
31 or more	3

5. Do you smoke more frequently during the first hours after waking than during the rest of the day?

Yes	1
No	0

6. Do you smoke if you are so ill that you are in bed most of the day?

Yes	1
No	0

Total Score:

Scores: 1-2 = very low dependence; 3-4 = low dependence; 5 = moderate dependence; 6-7 = high dependence; 8+ = very high dependence

NB. A low dependence score indicates level of nicotine dependence and therefore the level of intervention/support that the person will need to successfully cease smoking.

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