
Risk and Needs TriageTM **Ready-to-Use, More Affordable Version Now Available**

Due to requests from many jurisdictions, TRI has released a new, streamlined and more affordable version of the Risk and Needs TriageTM.

Two of the biggest differences between the streamlined and more advanced versions are price and functionality – the streamlined version offers client-level reports whereas aggregate management reports are also available in the more advanced version.

Otherwise, the streamlined version (**RANTTM**) continues the essential science-informed features that “triage” drug court clients based on their assessed level of risks and needs, helping judges and other court officials assign clients to the community-based program where research suggests they stand the best prospects for success.

Even more “simple,” definitely compelling, and continuing the potential for quality improvement and cost savings, the streamlined **RANT** includes such features as:

- maximum security and web-based;
- nineteen-item risk and needs instrument that can be administered by non-specialists in under fifteen minutes with minimal training by a jurisdiction; and
- easy-to-use, decision-assisting reports assigning each client to one of four “risk/needs” quadrants based on his/her interview responses, each with described implications for treatment and supervision.

Still available is the original RANT version, now called **RANT-Plus**, that includes all the above features along with data accumulation, additional reports and some advanced functionality, including an optional Antisocial Personality Disorder assessment and ability to track outcomes.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What are the differences between the two RANT versions – RANT (streamlined) and RANT-Plus?

In addition to price (RANT is priced lower than RANT-Plus) the biggest differences include report generation as the streamlined version generates client-level reports depicting a client's placement on a risk/needs quadrant based on his/her responses to the interview built into the software. As opposed to the more advanced version, RANT-Plus, the data in the streamlined version automatically deletes after 30 days. In RANT-Plus, the data is permanently stored allowing generation of aggregate reports for accountability reporting and other analyses. Other differences are described on the product website at www.trirant.org.

Q. For what population is the Risk and Needs Triage most appropriate?

Both RANT versions were developed for use with adults arrested on drug or alcohol related offenses who are being considered for diversion from jail or prison into court supervised treatment.

Q. When is the best time to administer the RANT survey to potential drug court clients?

The RANT risk and needs interview, for either version, should be administered as soon as possible following the point of arrest, as it was designed to inform the disposition and placement of offenders.

Q. Is the RANT interview the same as a drug/alcohol assessment?

No. As its name implies, RANT is a *triage* tool, evaluating a client's criminogenic risks and clinical needs to determine the optimal level and type of criminal justice supervision and behavioral health treatment. This information is intended to assist in disposition or assignment of offenders to the amount of supervision and kind of treatment that may offer them the greatest likelihood of success. RANT is not intended to be a substitute for a formal diagnostic assessment of drug or alcohol problem severity.

Q. Do RANT reports specifically recommend where to send a client for treatment and what kind of supervision a drug court judge should impose?

RANT reports do *not* provide specific referral information. Rather, the reports suggest what types of placements are generally considered suitable for people with the identified level of risk and needs.

To learn more about the new version of RANT, including its research derivations, IT features and pricing/purchasing information, visit the website at www.trirant.org or email Meghan Love, TRI Senior Program Manager at rantinfo@tresearch.org.