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## **Brief Negotiated Interview (BNI) Algorithm**

1. Raise the subject	Is it OK if we discuss the health & wellness questionnaire you completed?
2. Pros & Cons  Elicit  Summarize	Help me understand the good things about using [X]. What are some of the negatives?  So, on the one hand [PROS], and on the other hand [CONS].
3. Information & feedback Provide  Elicit	I have some information on low-risk guidelines for drinking and drug use, would you mind if I shared them with you?  We know that  • drinking 4 or more (Women) / 5 or more (Men) drinks in a few hours,  • drinking more than 7 (Women) / 14 (Men) drinks in a week, and/or  • using illicit drugs of any kind  can put you at risk for social or legal problems, as well as illness and injury.  It can also cause health problems like [insert medical information].  What do you think about that?
4. Readiness ruler	On a scale from 1–10, with 1 being not ready at all and 10 being completely ready, how ready are you to change your [X] use?
Reinforce positives	You marked That means you're% ready to make a change!
Ask about lower number	Why did you choose that number and not a lower one like a 1 or 2?
5. Negotiate a plan	What are some steps you can take to reduce your risk? What will help you to reduce the things you don't like about using [X]?
Identify strengths & supports	What supports do you have for making this change? How can you use those supports/resources to help you now?
Have patient write down steps	Why don't we write down your Prescription for Change? This is what I heard you say
Offer appropriate resources	I have some additional resources that people sometimes find helpful. Would you like to hear about them? • Primary care, outpatient counseling, mental health treatment

## **Readiness Ruler**

1 = Not ready at all 10 = Ready right now

