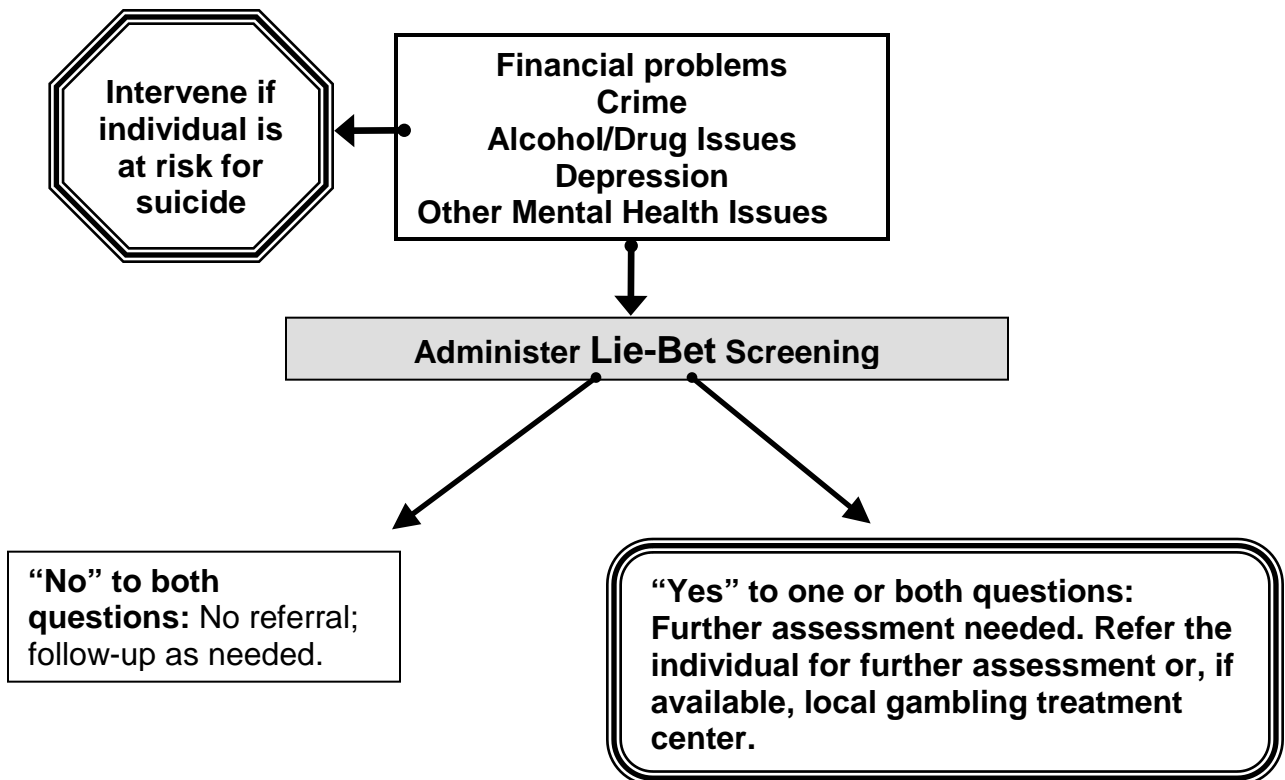


“Lie-Bet:” Two-Question Screening for Problem Gambling

The questions:

- 1) Have you ever felt the need to bet more and more money?
- 2) Have you ever had to lie to people important to you about how much you gambled?



The Lie-Bet tool (Johnson et al., 1988) has been deemed valid and reliable for **ruling out** pathological gambling behaviors. The Lie-Bet's two questions consistently differentiate between pathological gambling and nonproblem gambling, and are useful in screening to determine whether a longer tool (e.g., South Oaks Gambling Screen/SOGS, DSM-IV) should be used in diagnostics.

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