

OVERT AGGRESSION SCALE – MODIFIED FOR NEUROREHABILITATION (OAS-MNR)

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1. BEHAVIOURS

	Verbal aggression VA	Physical aggression against objects PO	Physical aggression against self PS	Physical aggression against other people PP
1	Makes loud noises, shouts angrily, is not person directed. E.g. "Bloody hell"	Slams doors scatters clothing, makes a mess in response to clear antecedent	Picks/scratches skin, hits self, pulls hair (with no/minor injury)	Threatening gesture clearly person directed, swings at people, grabs clothes, spitting at people
2	Mild personal insults clearly directed at some other person, not including swearing/offensive sexual comments. E.g. "You are stupid, idiot"	Throws objects down, kicks furniture without breaking it, marks the wall (without others being at risk of being hit)	Bangs head, hits fist into object, throws self onto floor or into objects (hurts self without serious injury)	Strikes, kicks, pushes, pulls hair (without significant injury)
3	Swearing, moderate threats clearly person directed at others or self e.g. "Fuck off you bastard"	Breaks objects, smashes windows	Inflicts small cuts, bruises, minor burns to self	Attacks others causing mild-moderate physical injury (bruises sprains, welts) to person aggression directed at
4	Clear threats of violence directed at others or self. E.g. "I'm going to kill you"	Sets fire, throws objects dangerously (some other person is at risk of being hit, regardless of intention)	Mutilates self, causes deep cuts, bites that bleed, internal injury, fracture, loss of consciousness, loss of teeth	Causes severe physical injury (broken bones, internal injury) to person aggression directed at

2. ANTECEDENTS

Set One Contributing Factors (coded 1-3)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Structured activity Noisy environment Had epileptic fit in last 24 hrs
Set Two Observed Directly Before Behaviour (coded 11-25)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Given direct verbal prompt to comply with instruction Given verbal guidance/advice to assist completion of task/activity Given verbal/visual feedback about performance Direct response to other clients verbal behaviour Request specifically denied by other person Any other verbal interaction Physical guidance/facilitation to complete a task Direct response to other clients physically aggressive behaviour when directed at them Direct response to other clients physically aggressive behaviour when directed at another person During restraint Given item e.g. food/therapy materials Purposeful behaviour is ignored or "played down" by person to whom it is directed at Obviously agitated or distressed No obvious antecedent Other (please specify on the back of the recording form)

3. INTERVENTIONS

Set One Contributing Factors (coded A-N)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Aggression ignored or "played down" completely Talking to patient including prompts Closer observation Holding patient (physical restraint) Immediate medication given by mouth Immediate medication given by injection Isolation without seclusion Seclusion Activity distraction Injury requires immediate medical treatment for patient Injury requires immediate medical treatment for other Special programme Physical distraction (leading the patient away) Other (please specify on the back of the recording form)

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Date	Time	Observer Initials	Antecedents				Observed Directly Beforehand (1-25)	Agression (type, rating)	Interventions (A-N)	Multiple Recordings* (when multiple identical incidents take place in quick succession)		
			Contributing Factors – tick if applies			Structured Activity					Noisy Environment	Epilepsy prev 24 hrs
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*Each separate incident recorded in this way must be separated by at least 2 seconds.

