

Appendix: The Staff Observation Aggression Scale - Revised

Initials of the patient: _____		Registration no: _____		Ward: _____					
Incident no.: _____		Date: _____		Time _____					
(hours and minutes): ____									
<p>This form is to be completed by staff members witnessing aggressive behavior of a patient whereby aggression is defined as: any verbal, non-verbal, or physical behavior that was threatening (to self, others or property), or physical behavior that actually did harm (to self, others, or property) (in: Morrison, 1990). In the case of an aggressive incident please note the initials and registration no. of the patient, date and the time on which the incident started, and put at least one mark in each column.</p>									
1. Provocation		2. Means used by the patient		3. target of aggression		4. Consequence(s) for victim(s)		5. Measure(s) to stop aggression	
No understandable provocation	1	verbal aggression	0	nothing / nobody	0	no	0	none	0
Provoked by:		Ordinary objects:		object(s)	1	Objects:		talk to patient	0
other patient(s)	0	chair(s)	1	other patient(s)	2	damaged, not replaced	3	calmly brought away	0
help with ADL	0	glass(ware)	1	patient self	3	damaged, replaced	3	peroral medication	2
patient being denied something	0	other, namely:	1	staff member(s)	3	Persons:		parenteral medication	2
staff requiring patient to take medication	2	Parts of the body:		other person(s)	4		felt threatened	6	held with force
Other provocations:	0	hand (hitting, punching etc)	2			pain < 10 min	9	seclusion/isolation (locked door)	4
.....		foot (kicking)	2			pain > 10 min	9	physical restraints	4
		teeth (biting)	2			visible injury	9	other measures:	2
		other, namely:	2			need for treatment	9	
		Dangerous objects or methods:				need for treatment by a physician	9		
		knife	3						
		strangulation	3						
		other, namely:	3						