

Assessment for Violence Risk

Check one: Initial Re-assessment Change in condition Discharge

Instructions: Evaluate the patient on each of the following factors. Make only one rating on each factor by checking the box that applies. Then add the total number of points across all risk factors. Ratings for each factor should be based on a combination of patient self-report, clinical observation, and collateral information

RISK FACTOR	Absent (0 pts)	Low (1 pt)	Moderate (2 pts)	High (3 pts)
Historical and Demographic (Items 1-4 are scored only on initial assessment; enter total of items from prior assessment: _____)				
1. Age and Gender	Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>		Male, age less than 15; Male 25+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Male, age 15-24 <input type="checkbox"/>
2. History of Early Violence	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>		Committed first act of serious violence between the ages of 20 and 40 <input type="checkbox"/>	Committed first act of serious violence prior to the age of 20 <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Early Maladjustment	Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	History of periodic family conflict, academic problems, or behavioral difficulties <input type="checkbox"/>	History of sporadic or periodic abuse/neglect; moderate delinquency; history of long-term academic problems <input type="checkbox"/>	History of serious criminal activity or delinquency before age 15; victim of severe or prolonged abuse or neglect <input type="checkbox"/>
4. History of Violence	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	History of generalized threats of harm to others; mild property damage <input type="checkbox"/>	Remote history of one act of violence to another person; history of several acts of verbal threats/intimidation or serious property damage <input type="checkbox"/>	History of two or more acts of physical violence to another person; recent history of serious physical violence toward another person <input type="checkbox"/>
ITEMS 5-23 ARE THE ONLY FACTORS EVALUATED ON FOLLOW-UP, RE-ASSESSMENT, OR DISCHARGE IN INPATIENT SETTING				
Clinical and Psychiatric				
5. Negative Attitudes	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Feels pessimistic sometimes; views self as misunderstood <input type="checkbox"/>	Insensitive to the feelings of others; pessimistic most of the time <input type="checkbox"/>	Completely lacking in empathy toward others; cold or callous; has no hope for the future <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Anger	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Mild anxiety or agitation <input type="checkbox"/>	Marked irritability or anger <input type="checkbox"/>	Intense feelings of rage or hostility <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Psychosis	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Over-valued ideas of paranoid nature, but not delusional <input type="checkbox"/>	Schizophrenia, schizophreniform, schizoaffective disorder; paranoid or grandiose delusions; command hallucinations patient can resist <input type="checkbox"/>	Command hallucinations with violent content that patient is unable to resist; threat-control over-ride symptoms (e.g., delusion of thought insertion, control or influence) <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Impulsivity	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Sometimes acts impulsively or only when high or intoxicated; takes risks to feel better <input type="checkbox"/>	Recurrent impulsive acts (e.g., gambling, risk-taking behavior) <input type="checkbox"/>	Frequent, unplanned, emotionally-charged periods of impulsive behavior; aggressive reactions to disappointment <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Psychopathic Traits	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Marginal level of antisocial or psychopathic personality traits <input type="checkbox"/>	Narcissistic, cool and detached, manipulates others; moderate level of antisocial or psychopathic traits <input type="checkbox"/>	Long history of arrests for many different crimes; glib and shallow; complete lack of empathy; long pattern of lying or deceit <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Cognitive Functioning	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Some rigidity or inflexibility in thinking <input type="checkbox"/>	Close-minded, somewhat inflexible in thinking or decision-making <input type="checkbox"/>	Personality change due to head injury; loss of executive functioning, mental retardation; neurocognitive disorder with aggressive behavior <input type="checkbox"/>
11. Substance Abuse	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Occasional substance abuse; social use of drugs or alcohol resulting in some difficulties (e.g., DWI) <input type="checkbox"/>	Impulsive use of alcohol or drugs; uses substance recklessly in way that has led to legal or other behavioral problems <input type="checkbox"/>	Drug and/or alcohol abuse AND major Axis I disorder; substance abuse or dependence resulting in aggression or violence <input type="checkbox"/>
Current/Recent Violent Behavior				
12. Violent Ideation	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Sporadic thoughts of an aggressive nature, with no clear detail <input type="checkbox"/>	Has intermittent ideas, or vague thoughts of wanting to hurt another person <input type="checkbox"/>	Has persistent and vivid fantasies or ideas about hurting or injuring some other person <input type="checkbox"/>
13. Violent Intent	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Vague thoughts of wanting to harm someone; ambivalent about hurting others <input type="checkbox"/>	Frequent periods of wanting to kill or hurt someone, with ambivalence or able to avoid thoughts <input type="checkbox"/>	Wants to kill a specific person or is definite about wanting to hurt someone; would act on such thoughts if given the chance <input type="checkbox"/>

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14. Violent Ideation	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Passive, sporadic, infrequent thoughts of wanting to harm others; no homicidal ideas <input type="checkbox"/>	Frequent, intermittent or stress-induced thoughts of homicide or violence <input type="checkbox"/>	Constant, persistent, intense thoughts of wanting to harm or kill others <input type="checkbox"/>
15. Violent Planning	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Vague thoughts of violence involving non-specific means <input type="checkbox"/>	Has looked into getting weapon (but did not obtain); has given thought to how violence might be carried out <input type="checkbox"/>	Recently obtained weapon; made explicit, credible threat to victim; has developed clear plan to do harm to others <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Recent Violent Behavior	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate behavioral gesturing or vague threats of violence <input type="checkbox"/>	Recent threats verbalized to others; recent act of violence resulting in serious property damage <input type="checkbox"/>	Recent act of aggression or violence resulting in injury to others <input type="checkbox"/>
Psychosocial and Environmental Factors		Number of Items 12-16 with 3-Point Ratings		
17. Employment Status	Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Mild job-related stressors or difficulties <input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployed, but no pressing financial worries; employed but experiencing financial worries <input type="checkbox"/>	Recent job loss; unemployment with current financial problems or drop in socioeconomic status <input type="checkbox"/>
18. Social Supports	Adequate social supports <input type="checkbox"/>	Some social supports; but relationships strained; marginally connected to others <input type="checkbox"/>	Significant relationship problems; few close friends or family members <input type="checkbox"/>	Complete lack of social support; alienated from friends and family; very isolated; severe relationship problems (e.g., pending divorce) <input type="checkbox"/>
19. Access to Weapons	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>		Does not own weapons, but has idea or plan on how to obtain for violence against others <input type="checkbox"/>	Owens weapons (i.e., guns, knives, etc.) or has clear access to them and has considered using for violence against others <input type="checkbox"/>
20. Social Stressors	None/Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Vague, general, or mild psychosocial stressors <input type="checkbox"/>	History of abuse victimization; poor or inadequate housing; lingering legal difficulties <input type="checkbox"/>	Current abuse victim; high level of perceived stress; recent serious loss; recent incarceration or serious legal charges pending <input type="checkbox"/>
Protective and Other Risk Management Factors				
21. Treatment Accessibility	No barriers to treatment; has an established relationship with a mental health provider in the community <input type="checkbox"/>	Seems committed to treatment, but has not always followed through <input type="checkbox"/>	Ambivalent about help, despite need; frequent no-show or sporadic involvement with treatment; marginal compliance with medications <input type="checkbox"/>	Long history of non-compliance with medications despite clear need; no established relationship with mental health provider in community; complete lack of insight <input type="checkbox"/>
22. Legal Status	Voluntary or informal <input type="checkbox"/>			Involuntary; court-ordered commitment <input type="checkbox"/>
23. Feasibility of Life Plans	Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Some resolution of stressors; plans difficult to implement, but feasible <input type="checkbox"/>	Resolution of stressors, but plans are unrealistic <input type="checkbox"/>	Rapid resolution of serious stressors without clear or rational explanation <input type="checkbox"/>
COLUMN SUBTOTALS	0	+	+	+
Total from Items 1-4 (for re-assessment only)				
ADD TOTALS TO OBTAIN FINAL SCORE				

_____ Low Risk (total score 0-22)

_____ Moderate Risk (total score 23-33)

_____ High Risk (total score 34 or above) or (Items 12-16 with 3-point ratings is 2 or more)

(check when completed): Physician notified of final score, classification, and individual risk factors.

Signature

Date/Time