

The Management of Aggression and Violence Attitude Scale (MAVAS)

- The purpose of this questionnaire is to obtain your perceptions of aggression and the management of aggression at this facility.
- For each item, please darken the circle that reflects your opinion about the statement. For example:
- If you wish to change your rating, place an X completely through the circle and then darken another circle.
- This is an anonymous survey. Do not write your name on this form.
- The questionnaire contains 30 items and takes about 10 minutes to complete.

		<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
1	Patients are aggressive because of the environment they are in.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2	Other people make patients aggressive or violent.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3	Patients commonly become aggressive because staff do not listen to them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4	Gender mix on the wards is important in the management of aggression.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5	It is difficult to prevent patients from becoming violent or aggressive.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6	Patients from particular cultural groups are more prone to aggression.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7	Patients are aggressive because they are ill.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8	Poor communication between staff and patients leads to patient aggression.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9	There appear to be types of patients who frequently become aggressive towards staff.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10	Cultural misunderstandings between patients and staff can lead to aggression.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11	Different approaches are used on this ward to manage patient aggression and violence.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12	Patients who are aggressive towards staff should try to control their feelings.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13	When a patient is violent, seclusion is one of the most effective approaches to use.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14	Patients who are violent are often restrained for their own safety.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15	The practice of secluding violent patients should be discontinued.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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		<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
16	Medication is a valuable approach for treating aggressive and violent behaviour.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17	Aggressive patients will calm down automatically if left alone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18	The use of negotiation could be used more effectively when managing aggression and violence.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19	Restrictive care environments can contribute towards patient aggression and violence.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20	Expressions of aggression do not always require staff intervention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
21	Physical restraint is sometimes used more than necessary.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
22	Alternatives to the use of containment and sedation to manage patient violence could be used more frequently.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
23	Improved one to one relationships between staff and patients can reduce the incidence of patient aggression and violence.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
24	Patient aggression could be handled more effectively on this ward.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
25	Prescribed medication can in some instances lead to patient aggression and violence.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
26	It is largely situations that contribute towards the expression of aggression by patients.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
27	Seclusion is sometimes used more than necessary.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
28	Prescribed medication should be used more frequently to help patients who are aggressive and violent.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
29	The use of de-escalation is successful in preventing violence.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30	If the physical environment were different, patients would be less aggressive.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Role:

- Ancillary staff
- Nurse
- Physician
- Hospital Police

Gender:

- Male
- Female

Age Group:

- 20 or under
- 21 to 25
- 26 to 30
- 31 to 35
- 36 to 40
- 41 to 45
- 46 to 50
- 51 to 55
- 56 or older

Thank you for completing this survey.

MAVAS Sub Scales (for internal use only)

<u>Internal</u>	Score (mm or cm)
Q4	-----
Q5	-----
Q7	-----
Q9	-----
Q14	-----
Q17	-----
Total	-----

<u>External</u>	Score
Q1	-----
Q16	-----
Q27	-----
Q24	-----
Q25	-----
Q26	-----
Total	-----

<u>Situational/Interactional</u>	Score
Q2	-----
Q3	-----
Q6	-----
Q15	-----
Q20	-----
Q21	-----
Q22	-----
Q23	-----
Total	-----

<u>Management</u>	Score
Q8	-----
Q10	-----
Q11	-----
Q12	-----
Q13	-----
Q18	-----
Q19	-----
Total	-----