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**The Staff Observation Aggression
Scale-Revised**

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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 of the patient and / or the other aggressive person, 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	
No understandable provocation		verbal aggression		nothing / nobody	
Provoked by:		Ordinary objects:		object(s)	
other patient(s)		chair(s)		other patient(s)	
help with ADL		glass(ware)		patient self	
patient being denied something		other, namely:		staff member(s)	
staff requiring patient to take medication		Parts of the body:		other persons, namely:	
Other provocations, namely:		hand (hitting, punching etc)		pain < 10 min	
.....		foot (kicking)		pain > 10 min	
		teeth (biting)		visible injury	
		other, namely:		need for treatment	
		Dangerous objects or methods:		need for treatment by a physician	
		knife		Other, namely:	
		strangulation		
		other, namely:			
4. Consequence(s) for victim(s)		5. Measures to stop aggression			
no		none			
Objects:		talk to patient			
damaged, replacement not necessary		calmly brought away			
damaged, replacement necessary		peroral medication			
Persons:		parenteral medication			
felt threatened		held with force			
seclusion/isolation (locked door)					
Mechanical restraints					
other measures, namely:					
.....					

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