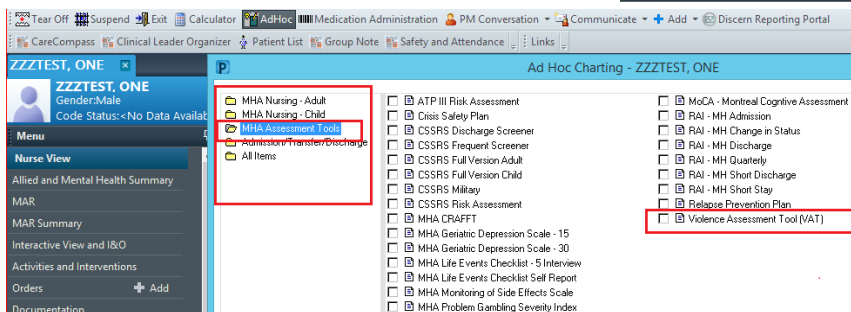
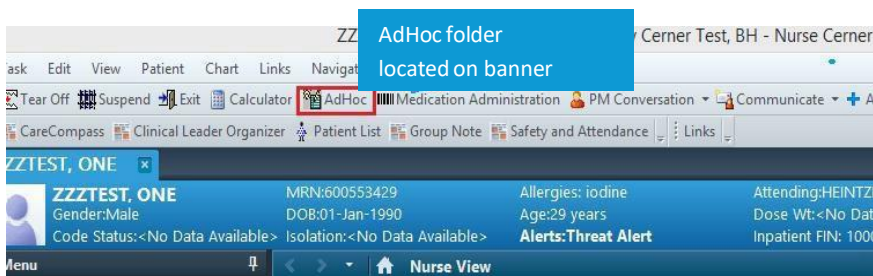


VIOLENCE ASSESSMENT TOOL (VAT)

The Violence Assessment Tool (VAT) is an aid to assist in clinical evaluation and documentation of verbal and physical aggression towards others. This tool may be found in admission documentation or as a PowerForm in an ADHOC file.

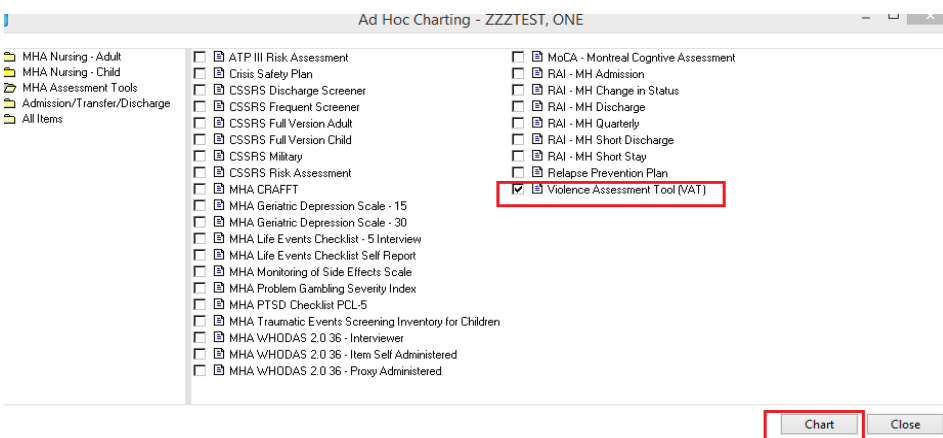
- 1) Log into patient chart
- 2) Left-click the AdHoc tab on the grey Banner/Organizer Bar

The AdHoc tab opens and a menu of file options will appear on the left hand side (each of these files have a sub-files in them). For demonstration purposes, we are using the Mental Health Assessment Tools.



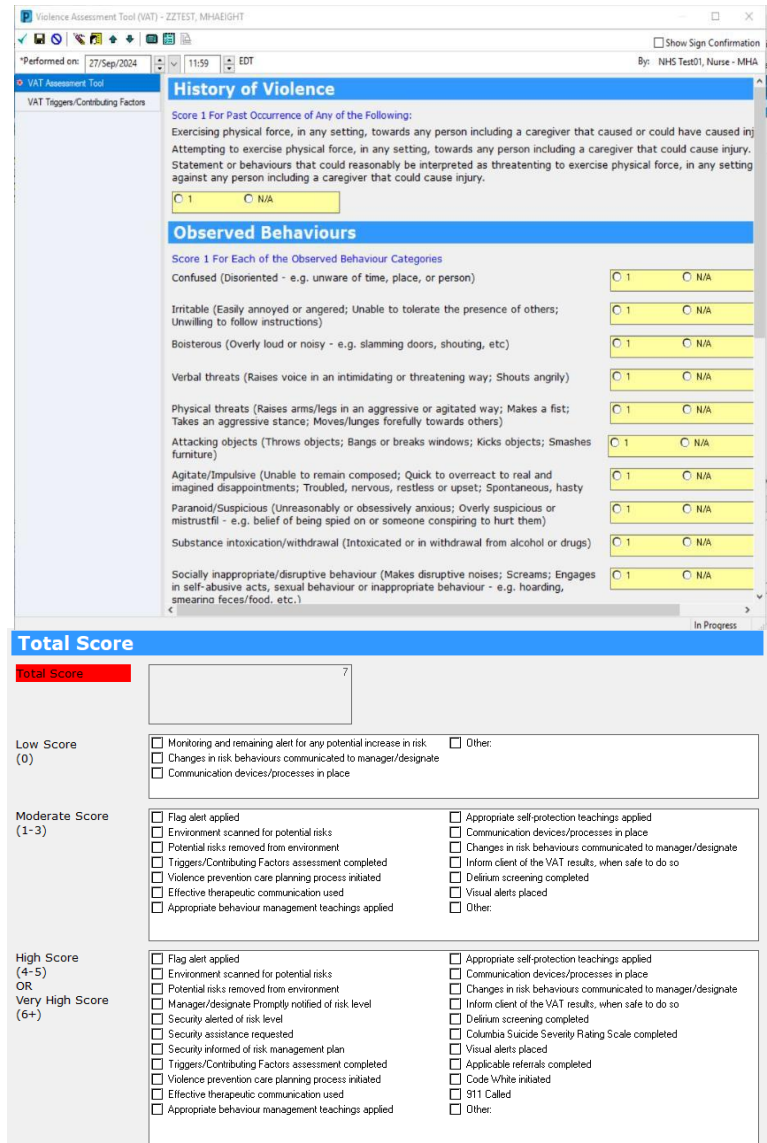
The tools available within the AdHoc tab will appear on right hand side (assessments found in the file).

- 3) To open the Violence Assessment Tool, left-click into the toggle-box beside the Violence Assessment Tool, and then left-click the Chart button in the bottom-right corner of the window.



4) Complete the History of Violence and Observed Behaviours on the VAT.

- When the history is complete a score is generated and populates automatically. If incomplete, no scores will show.
- Once the score is calculated, you can multi-select intervention activities (listed below) based on the calculated score. In the example to the right, the score is High (7), so you can only select interventions from the “High Score” area.



Violence Assessment Tool (VAT) - ZZTEST, MHAEIGHT

*Performed on: 27/Sep/2024 11:59 EDT By: NHS Test01, Nurse - MHA

History of Violence

Score 1 For Past Occurrence of Any of the Following:
Exercising physical force, in any setting, towards any person including a caregiver that caused or could have caused injury.
Attempting to exercise physical force, in any setting, towards any person including a caregiver that could cause injury.
Statement or behaviours that could reasonably be interpreted as threatening to exercise physical force, in any setting against any person including a caregiver that could cause injury.

1 N/A

Observed Behaviours

Score 1 For Each of the Observed Behaviour Categories

Confused (Disoriented - e.g. unaware of time, place, or person)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> N/A
Irritable (Easily annoyed or angered; Unable to tolerate the presence of others; Unwilling to follow instructions)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> N/A
Boisterous (Overly loud or noisy - e.g. slamming doors, shouting, etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> N/A
Verbal threats (Raises voice in an intimidating or threatening way; Shouts angrily)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> N/A
Physical threats (Raises arms/legs in an aggressive or agitated way; Makes a fist; Takes an aggressive stance; Moves/lunges forcefully towards others)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> N/A
Attacking objects (Throws objects; Bangs or breaks windows; Kicks objects; Smashes furniture)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> N/A
Agitate/Impulsive (Unable to remain composed; Quick to overreact to real and imagined disappointments; Troubled, nervous, restless or upset; Spontaneous, hasty)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> N/A
Paranoid/Suspicious (Unreasonably or obsessively anxious; Overly suspicious or mistrustful - e.g. belief of being spied on or someone conspiring to hurt them)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> N/A
Substance intoxication/withdrawal (Intoxicated or in withdrawal from alcohol or drugs)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> N/A
Socially inappropriate/disruptive behaviour (Makes disruptive noises; Screams; Engages in self-abusive acts, sexual behaviour or inappropriate behaviour - e.g. hoarding, smeared feces/food, etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> N/A

Total Score

Total Score:

Low Score (0)

Monitoring and remaining alert for any potential increase in risk Other:
 Changes in risk behaviours communicated to manager/designate
 Communication devices/processes in place

Moderate Score (1-3)

Flag alert applied Appropriate self-protection teachings: applied
 Environment scanned for potential risks Communication devices/processes in place
 Potential risks removed from environment Changes in risk behaviours communicated to manager/designate
 Triggers/Contributing Factors assessment completed Inform client of the VAT results, when safe to do so
 Violence prevention care planning process initiated Delirium screening completed
 Effective therapeutic communication used Visual alerts placed
 Appropriate behaviour management teachings: applied Other:

High Score (4-5) OR Very High Score (6+)

Flag alert applied Appropriate self-protection teachings: applied
 Environment scanned for potential risks Communication devices/processes in place
 Potential risks removed from environment Changes in risk behaviours communicated to manager/designate
 Manager/designate Promptly notified of risk level Inform client of the VAT results, when safe to do so
 Security alerted of risk level Delirium screening completed
 Security assistance requested Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale completed
 Security informed of risk management plan Visual alerts placed
 Triggers/Contributing Factors assessment completed Applicable referrals completed
 Violence prevention care planning process initiated Code white initiated
 Effective therapeutic communication used 911 Called
 Appropriate behaviour management teachings: applied Other:

HOSPITAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (HIS)

5) Once the assessment and intervention section is complete, move on to the second part of the VAT by clicking VAT triggers/Contributing factors in the left menu(below)

- The Triggers/Contributing factors form is to be completed with the client once the client is able. This form will help identify important risk factors for increased violence that pertain to the individual and provide strategies to reduce the risk of violence

The screenshot shows the 'Triggers/Contributing Factors' form within the Violence Assessment Tool. The form is divided into several sections with checkboxes for various factors:

- Physical considerations:** Hunger, Pain, Infection, New medication, Other.
- Psychological considerations:** Fear, Uncertainty, Feeling neglected, Loss of control, Being held to calls down, Being lectured, Other.
- Environmental considerations:** Noise, Lighting, Temperature, Scents, Privacy, Time of day, Days of week, Visitors, Small spaces/overcrowding, Other.
- Activity considerations:** Bathing, Medication, Past experiences, Tolerating, Changes in routine, Resistance to care, Other.
- Unique patient triggers:** A text area for patient-specific triggers.
- Coping strategies for triggers/contributing factors:** Go for a walk, Listen to music, Watch TV, Draw, Read (Bible/Book), Have space and time alone, Talk 1:1 with (insert name as comment), Participate in activities, Consult a family member of friend, Other.

6) When documentation is complete, check the green checkmark in the upper-left corner to complete the VAT form.

This close-up screenshot highlights the top-left corner of the VAT form, where a green checkmark icon is visible, signifying that the assessment has been successfully completed.

If the score is greater than 4, you will see a flag on patient's name in Care Compass.

SC1B11 - A	ZZTEST, MHASEVEN	Mental Health
	High Risks	LOS: 10m
SC1B12 - B	Display: VAT Total Score ↑7 Normal Range: (3) Date/Time: 08:43 Today	--

To modify an existing assessment, open patients chart. On the blue vertical bar on the left side, select documentation. Double click on the Violence Assessment Tool document. The powerform will open.



Code Status: <No Data Available> Isolation: <No Data Available> Alerts: Violence Risk Recurring PIN: 22-001101 [Visit DE: 4

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For reassessments, to go Adhoc folder and select the Violence Assessment Tool powerform.