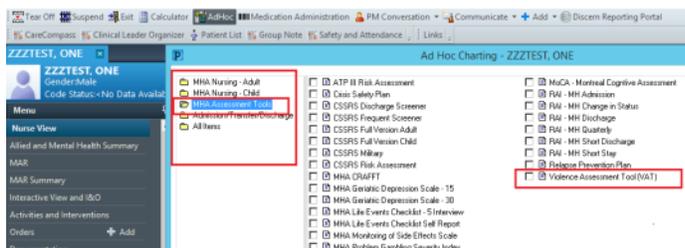


Violence Assessment Tool (VAT)

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.

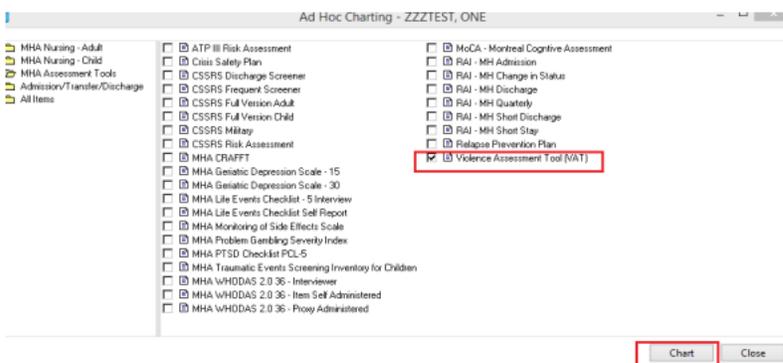
- 1) Log into patient chart
- 2) Left-click the AdHoc tab on the grey Banner/Organizer Bar

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).

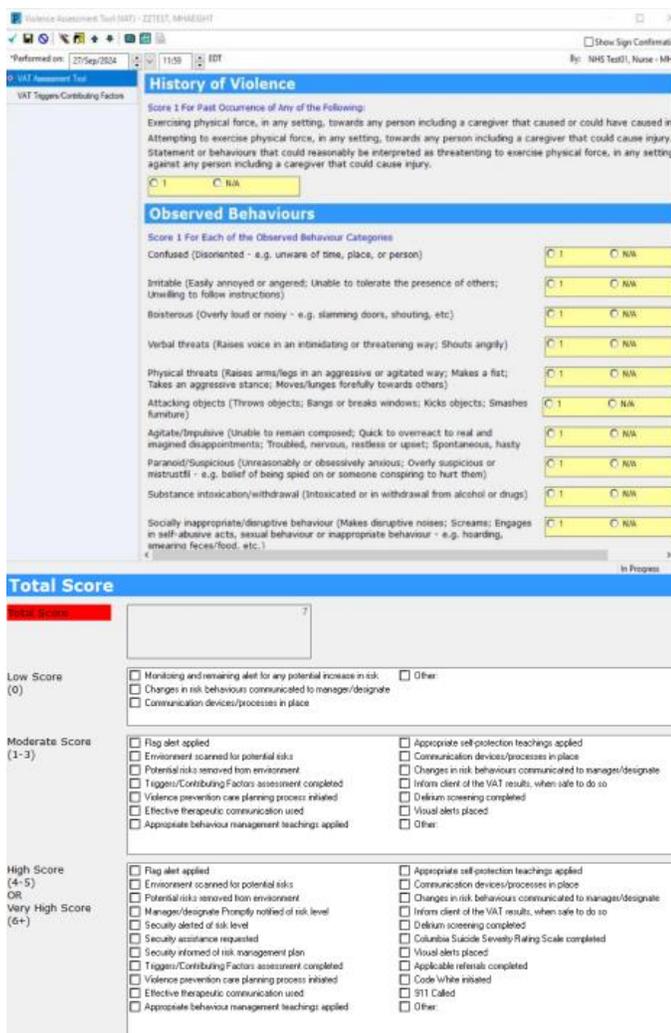
- 3) To open the Violence Assessment Tool, left-click into the toggle-box beside the Violence Assessment Tool, and then left-click the Chart button in the bottom-right corner of the window.



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.



The screenshot shows the VAT interface with the following sections:

- 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 behaviour that could reasonably be interpreted as threatening to exercise physical force, in any setting against any person including a caregiver that could cause injury. (Score: 1)
- Observed Behaviours:** Score 1 For Each of the Observed Behaviour Categories. Categories include Confused, Irritable, Boisterous, Verbal threats, Physical threats, Attacking objects, Agitate/Impulsive, Paranoid/Suspicious, Substance intoxication/withdrawal, and Socially inappropriate/desruptive behaviour. (Score: 1 for each category)
- Total Score:** 7
- Intervention Activities:**
 - Low Score (0):** Monitoring and remaining alert for any potential increases in risk; Changes in risk behaviours communicated to manager/designate; Communication devices/processes in place; Other.
 - Moderate Score (1-3):** Flag alert applied; Environment scanned for potential risks; Potential risks removed from environment; Triggers/Contributing Factors assessment completed; Violence prevention care planning process initiated; Effective therapeutic communication used; Appropriate behaviour management teachings applied; Appropriate self-protection teachings applied; Communication devices/processes in place; Changes in risk behaviours communicated to manager/designate; Inform client of the VAT results, when safe to do so; Delirium screening completed; Visual alerts placed; Other.
 - High Score (4-5) OR Vary High Score (6+):** Flag alert applied; Environment scanned for potential risks; Potential risks removed from environment; Manager/designate promptly notified of risk level; Security alerted of risk level; Security assistance requested; Security informed of risk management plan; Triggers/Contributing Factors assessment completed; Violence prevention care planning process initiated; Effective therapeutic communication used; Appropriate behaviour management teachings applied; Appropriate self-protection teachings applied; Communication devices/processes in place; Changes in risk behaviours communicated to manager/designate; Inform client of the VAT results, when safe to do so; Delirium screening completed; Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale completed; Visual alerts placed; Applicable referrals completed; Code White initiated; 911 Called; Other.

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5) Once the assessment and intervention section is complete, move 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

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

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