

Agitation Assessment: BH DASA

(Dynamic Appraisal of Situational Aggression)

WHEN: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

WHERE: The change will affect the following venue(s):

- Emergency Department
- Acute/Inpatient

At the following NLH Member Organization(s):

- All NLH Organizations, excluding NL Mayo Hospital

WHO: The change will affect the following staff at the above noted locations:

- ED Nursing
- Inpatient Nursing
- Behavioral Health Clinicians

WHAT: Patients presenting to the Emergency Department with a behavioral health complaint will be **assessed for risk of aggression** using the **BH DASA**. The DASA is an assessment tool that considers several factors like patient behavior, verbal cues, and environmental stressors to predict the likelihood of aggressive behavior within a brief period.

WHY: Documentation of agitation screening using the **BH DASA** will improve the handoff process between behavioral health providers and ED clinicians.

HOW: **BH DASA iView Documentation**

- BH DASA will be available within the **ED Systems Assessment band**.
- Documentation will flow to other Inpatient Systems Assessment bands and will be available to inpatient nursing to review and complete as needed.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ED Systems Assessment Urinary Catheter Musculoskeletal Neuromuscular/Extremities Assessment Neurological Neurovascular Check Seizure Assessment Psychosocial ✓ BH DASA Homicide Assault Risk Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> △ BH DASA △ Step 1: Assessing Risk of Aggression Easily Angered Irritability Sensitivity to Provocation Verbal Threats Impulsivity Negative Attitudes Unwilling to Follow Directions ■ Total Score Risk Assessment △ Step 2: Recording Aggression Physical Aggression Towards Others Physical Aggression Property/Furnit... Verbal Intimidation/Threats Harm Ot...
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