

Braceland Center for Mental Health and Aging
Partners in Caregiving in a Special Care Environment: Resident measures
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The Cohen-Mansfield Agitation Inventory – short form

Completed for each resident by a unit nurse

Please read each of the agitated behaviors, and check how often (from 1-5) they were manifested by the participant over the last 2 weeks; if more than one occurred within a group, add the occurrences, e.g., if hitting occurred on 3 days a week, and kicking occurred on 4 days a week, 3 + 4 = 7 days; circle 4, once or several times a day.

8/11/04 Data from 477 residents in dementia programs in 17 CT nursing homes (Hartford, New Haven & Middlesex counties)	Never 1	Less than once a week 2	Once or several times a week 3	Once or several times a day 4	A few times an hour or continuous for half an hour or more 5
1. Cursing or verbal aggression	62%	12%	17%	9%	1%
2. Hitting (including self), Kicking, Pushing, Biting, Scratching, Aggressive Spitting (include at meals)	69%	12%	13%	4%	%
3. Grabbing onto people, Throwing things, Tearing things or destroying property	74%	11%	10%	4%	0%
4. Other aggressive behaviors or self abuse including: Intentional falling, Making verbal or physical sexual advances, Eating/ drinking/chewing inappropriate substances, Hurt self or other	82%	7%	8%	2%	0%
5. Pacing, aimless wandering, Trying to get to a different place (e.g., out of the room, building)	61%	6%	10%	16%	7%

	Never 1	Less than once a week 2	Once or several times a week 3	Once or several times a day 4	A few times an hour or continuous for half an hour or more 5
6. General restlessness, Performing repetitious mannerisms, tapping, strange movements	58%	13%	13%	12%	4%
7. Inappropriate dress or disrobing	82%	6%	9%	3%	0%
8. Handling things inappropriately	82%	6%	6%	6%	0%
9. Constant requests for attention or help	70%	8%	10%	10%	3%
10. Repetitive sentences, calls, questions or words	66%	8%	13%	11%	3%
11. Complaining, Negativism, Refusal to follow directions	67%	9%	13%	10%	1%
12. Strange noises, (weird laughter or crying)	83%	4%	5%	7%	2%
13. Hiding things, Hoarding things	85%	5%	5%	5%	0%
14. Screaming	87%	3%	6%	3%	1%

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Data from 308 nursing home staff members: RN/LPN/CNA in 17 CT facilities

The following are some things that can happen to staff in nursing homes. Please tell me how often this happened to you in the past month.

How often in the past month has this happened?	Never	Once	2-10 times	More than 10 times
a. Residents insulting or swearing at you.	13%	12%	40%	34%
b. Residents hitting, grabbing, pushing, or trying to hurt you in some other way.	13%	16%	46%	25%