

Modified Overt Aggression Scale (MOAS)

<b>Availability</b>	Please visit this website for more information about the instrument: <a href="#">Modified Overt Aggression Scale Link</a>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Supplemental:</b> Mitochondrial Diseases (Mito) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
<b>Short Description of Instrument:</b>	<p>The Modified Overt Aggression Scale (MOAS), was developed to assess four types of aggressive behavior: verbal aggression, aggression against property, auto aggression, physical aggression. The MOAS instructs the individual to rate the patient’s aggressive behaviors over the past week.</p> <p>The MOAS is individually administered. It is generally administered by nursing staff although no specific qualifications are required.</p>
<b>Rationale/ Justification</b>	<p>Strengths/Weaknesses: This is a widely used measure that has been validated for use in both children and adults. It has been used as an outcome measure in a variety of intervention studies and as such is sensitive to change over short intervals. With the broad age range, is also useful as an instrument for longitudinal follow-up.</p> <p>Specific to Mitochondrial Disease:</p> <p>Advantages: The MOAS has been used in acute care psychiatric settings, making it a useful tool with new onset or acute exacerbation of psychiatric symptoms as may be observed in individuals experiencing a flare of symptoms in mitochondrial disorder.</p> <p>Limitations: The instrument has not been specifically utilized in this population and its psychometric properties for this group are therefore unknown.</p>
<b>Scoring:</b>	Items are scored on a 5-point scale. Scores range from 0 to 40, with higher scores indicating more aggression.
<b>References:</b>	<p>Kay, S., Wolkenfeld, F., and Murrill, L. (1988). Profiles of aggression among psychiatric patients. I. Nature and prevalence. J Nerv Ment Dis 176(9), 539-546.</p> <p>Yudofsky, S., Silver, J., Jackson, W., Endicott, J., and Williams, D. (1986). The Overt Aggression Scale for the objective rating of verbal and physical aggression. Am J Psychiatry 143(1), 35-39.</p> <p><a href="#">Chukwujekwu DC<sup>1</sup>, Stanley P. (2008)</a>The Modified Overt Aggression Scale: how valid in this environment? <a href="#">Niger J Med.</a> 17(2):153-5</p>