

# AASC<sup>®</sup>

## Agitation in Alzheimer's Screener for Caregivers

A person with Alzheimer's dementia may become easily upset, frustrated, or angry. These feelings may be associated with agitation, a common symptom of Alzheimer's.

The following questions ask about behaviors associated with agitation that you may have observed in the individual for whom you provide care.

Your answers to these questions can help you talk with your person's healthcare professional. Please select one response for each question.

Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you noticing any of the following that represent a change from the individual's usual or past behavior?

	Yes	No
a. Repeating motions or behaviors (e.g., rocking, raising fist, pointing finger)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Pacing or restlessness (cannot be still)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Cursing/using profanity or lashing out verbally	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Raising voice or yelling or screaming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Resisting assistance or care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Throwing or hitting or breaking things	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Trying to hurt self or others (e.g., grabbing, kicking, hitting, biting)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Do any of these behaviors negatively affect the individual's relationships, activities, or willingness to receive care?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Agitation criteria based on the International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) definition (Sano et al., 2023).

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