

## INDICATORS OF ABUSE (IOA) SCREEN

**Purpose:** To screen for abuse and neglect at the client's home. Completed by trained practitioners in health and social service agencies.

**Instructions:** The IOA is to be completed by a person trained to administer the form, usually after a 2-3 hour comprehensive in-home assessment. The researchers use a cutoff score of 16 to indicate abuse.

Indicators of abuse are listed below, numbered in order of importance. After a 2-3 hour home assessment (or other intensive assessment) please rate each of the following items on a scale of 0 to 4 and sum the scores. Do not omit any items. Rate according to your current opinion.

Scale: Estimated extent of problem:

0 = nonexistent

1 = slight

2 = moderate

3 = probably/moderately severe

4 = yes/severe

00 = not applicable

000 = don't know

Caregiver			Care Receiver		
___	1.	Has behavior problem	___	4.	Has been abused in the past
___	2.	Is financially dependent	___	5.	Has marital/family conflict
___	3.	Has mental/emotional difficulties	___	8.	Lacks understanding of medical condition
___	6.	Has alcohol/substance abuse problem	___	11.	Is socially isolated
___	7.	Has unrealistic expectations	___	15.	Lacks social support
___	9.	Lacks understanding of medical condition	___	16.	Has behavior problems
___	10.	Caregiving reluctance	___	18.	Is financially dependent
___	12.	Has marital/family conflict	___	19.	Has unrealistic expectations
___	13.	Has poor current relationship	___	20.	Has alcohol/medication problem
___	14.	Caregiving inexperience	___	21.	Has poor current relationship
___	17.	Is a blamer	___	22.	Has suspicious falls/injuries
___	24.	Had poor past relationship	___	23.	Has mental/emotional difficulties
			___	25.	Is a blamer
			___	26.	Is emotionally dependent
			___	27.	No regular doctor

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