Today's Date: _____ Date of Birth: ______ Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Phone Number: _____ Directions: Each rating should be considered in the context of what is appropriate for the age of your child. When completing this form, please think about your child's behaviors in the past 6 months.

☐ was on medication ☐ was not on medication ☐ not sure?

NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scale—PARENT Informant

Symptoms	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
Does not pay attention to details or makes careless mistakes with, for example, homework	0	1	2	3
2. Has difficulty keeping attention to what needs to be done	0	1	2	3
3. Does not seem to listen when spoken to directly	0	1	2	3
4. Does not follow through when given directions and fails to finish activities (not due to refusal or failure to understand)	0	1	2	3
5. Has difficulty organizing tasks and activities	0	1	2	3
6. Avoids, dislikes, or does not want to start tasks that require ongoing mental effort	0	1	2	3
7. Loses things necessary for tasks or activities (toys, assignments, pencils, or books)	0	1	2	3
8. Is easily distracted by noises or other stimuli	0	1	2	3
9. Is forgetful in daily activities	0	1	2	3
10. Fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat	0	1	2	3
11. Leaves seat when remaining seated is expected	0	1	2	3
12. Runs about or climbs too much when remaining seated is expected	0	1	2	3
13. Has difficulty playing or beginning quiet play activities	0	1	2	3
14. Is "on the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor"	0	1	2	3
15. Talks too much	0	1	2	3
16. Blurts out answers before questions have been completed	0	1	2	3
17. Has difficulty waiting his or her turn	0	1	2	3
18. Interrupts or intrudes in on others' conversations and/or activities	0	1	2	3
19. Argues with adults	0	1	2	3
20. Loses temper	0	1	2	3
21. Actively defies or refuses to go along with adults' requests or rules	0	1	2	3
22. Deliberately annoys people	0	1	2	3
23. Blames others for his or her mistakes or misbehaviors	0	1	2	3
24. Is touchy or easily annoyed by others	0	1	2	3
25. Is angry or resentful	0	1	2	3
26. Is spiteful and wants to get even	0	1	2	3
27. Bullies, threatens, or intimidates others	0	1	2	3
28. Starts physical fights	0	1	2	3
29. Lies to get out of trouble or to avoid obligations (ie, "cons" others)	0	1	2	3
30. Is truant from school (skips school) without permission	0	1	2	3
31. Is physically cruel to people	0	1	2	3
32. Has stolen things that have value	0	1	2	3

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Is this evaluation based on a time when the child

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NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scale—PARENT Informant

Today's Date:	_ Child's Name:		Date of Birth:
Parent's Name:		Parent's Phone Number:	

Symptoms (continued)	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
33. Deliberately destroys others' property	0	1	2	3
34. Has used a weapon that can cause serious harm (bat, knife, brick, gun)	0	1	2	3
35. Is physically cruel to animals	0	1	2	3
36. Has deliberately set fires to cause damage	0	1	2	3
37. Has broken into someone else's home, business, or car	0	1	2	3
38. Has stayed out at night without permission	0	1	2	3
39. Has run away from home overnight	0	1	2	3
40. Has forced someone into sexual activity	0	1	2	3
41. Is fearful, anxious, or worried	0	1	2	3
42. Is afraid to try new things for fear of making mistakes	0	1	2	3
43. Feels worthless or inferior	0	1	2	3
44. Blames self for problems, feels guilty	0	1	2	3
45. Feels lonely, unwanted, or unloved; complains that "no one loves him or her'	' 0	1	2	3
46. Is sad, unhappy, or depressed	0	1	2	3
47. Is self-conscious or easily embarrassed	0	1	2	3

				Somewhat	t
		Above		of a	
Performance	Excellent	Average	Average	Problem	Problematic
48. Overall school performance	1	2	3	4	5
49. Reading	1	2	3	4	5
50. Writing	1	2	3	4	5
51. Mathematics	1	2	3	4	5
52. Relationship with parents	1	2	3	4	5
53. Relationship with siblings	1	2	3	4	5
54. Relationship with peers	1	2	3	4	5
55. Participation in organized activities (eg, teams)	1	2	3	4	5

Comments:

For Office Use Only Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 1–9: Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 10–18: Total Symptom Score for questions 1–18: Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 19–26: Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 27–40: Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 41–47: Total number of questions scored 4 or 5 in questions 48–55: Average Performance Score:







D4	NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scale—12/	ACHERI	ntormant		
Teacher's Na	me: Class Time:		Class Name/I	Period:	
Today's Date	: Child's Name:	_ Grade l	Level:		
<u>Directions:</u> Each rating should be considered in the context of what is appropriate for the age of the child you are rat and should reflect that child's behavior since the beginning of the school year. Please indicate the numbe weeks or months you have been able to evaluate the behaviors:					
Symptom	lation based on a time when the child \square was on medication	on 🗌 w Never	as not on medica Occasionally	Often	ot sure? Very Often
	o give attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork	0	1	2	3
	fficulty sustaining attention to tasks or activities	0	1	2	3
	not seem to listen when spoken to directly	0	1	2	3
4. Does 1	not follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork ue to oppositional behavior or failure to understand)	0	1	2	3
5. Has di	fficulty organizing tasks and activities	0	1	2	3
	s, dislikes, or is reluctant to engage in tasks that require sustained l effort	0	1	2	3
	things necessary for tasks or activities (school assignments, s, or books)	0	1	2	3
8. Is easi	ly distracted by extraneous stimuli	0	1	2	3
9. Is forg	etful in daily activities	0	1	2	3
10. Fidget	s with hands or feet or squirms in seat	0	1	2	3
	seat in classroom or in other situations in which remaining is expected	0	1	2	3
	about or climbs excessively in situations in which remaining is expected	0	1	2	3
13. Has di	fficulty playing or engaging in leisure activities quietly	0	1	2	3
14. Is "on	the go" or often acts as if "driven by a motor"	0	1	2	3
15. Talks 6	excessively	0	1	2	3
16. Blurts	out answers before questions have been completed	0	1	2	3
17. Has di	fficulty waiting in line	0	1	2	3
18. Interru	upts or intrudes on others (eg, butts into conversations/games)	0	1	2	3
19. Loses	temper	0	1	2	3
20. Active	ly defies or refuses to comply with adult's requests or rules	0	1	2	3
21. Is ang	ry or resentful	0	1	2	3
22. Is spite	eful and vindictive	0	1	2	3
23. Bullies	s, threatens, or intimidates others	0	1	2	3
24. Initiat	es physical fights	0	1	2	3
25. Lies to	obtain goods for favors or to avoid obligations (eg, "cons" others)	0	1	2	3
26. Is phy:	sically cruel to people	0	1	2	3
27. Has st	olen items of nontrivial value	0	1	2	3
28. Delibe	erately destroys others' property	0	1	2	3
29. Is fear	ful, anxious, or worried	0	1	2	3
30. Is self-	conscious or easily embarrassed	0	1	2	3
31. Is afra	id to try new things for fear of making mistakes	0	1	2	3

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D4 NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Sca	ale—TEACH	IER Inform	ant, continue	d	
Teacher's Name: Class T	Гіте:		Class Name/	Period:	
Today's Date: Child's Name:		Grade	Level:		
Symptoms (continued)		Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
32. Feels worthless or inferior		0	1	2	3
33. Blames self for problems; feels guilty		0	1	2	3
34. Feels lonely, unwanted, or unloved; complains that "no one	e loves him or	her" 0	1	2	3
35. Is sad, unhappy, or depressed		0	1	2	3
				Somewhat	t
Performance Academic Performance	Excellent	Above	Avorago	of a	Problematic
	1	Average 2	Average 3	4	5
36. Reading 37. Mathematics	1	2	3	4	5
38. Written expression	1	2	3	4	5
56. Written expression	1			Somewhat	
		Above		of a	
Classroom Behavioral Performance	Excellent	Average	Average		Problematic
39. Relationship with peers	1	2	3	4	5
40. Following directions	1	2	3	4	5
41. Disrupting class	1	2	3	4	5
42. Assignment completion	1	2	3	4	5
43. Organizational skills	1	2	3	4	5
Comments:					
Please return this form to:					
Mailing address:					
Fax number:					
For Office Use Only					
Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 1–9:					
Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 10–18:					
Total Symptom Score for questions 1–18:					
Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 19–28:					
Total number of questions scored 2 or 3 in questions 29–35:					
Total number of questions scored 4 or 5 in questions 36–43:					
1 Total number of questions scored 4 of 5 in questions 30–43;					



Average Performance Score:_







Scoring Instructions for NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scales

Baseline Assessment

The validation studies for the NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scales were for the 6- to 12-year-old age group. However, to the extent that they collect information to establish Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) criteria, they are applicable to other groups, particularly preschoolers, where they have identified that DSM-5 criteria are still appropriate.

These scales should *not* be used alone to make a diagnosis of ADHD without confirming and elaborating the information with interviews with at least the primary caregivers (usually parents) and patients. You must take into consideration information from multiple sources. Scores of 2 or 3 on a single symptom question reflect often-occurring behaviors. Scores of 4 or 5 on performance questions reflect problems in performance.

The initial assessment scales, parent and teacher, have 2 components: symptom assessment and impairment in performance. On both parent and teacher initial scales, the symptom assessment screens for symptoms that meet criteria for inattentive (items 1-9) and hyperactive (items 10–18) attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Scoring for Diagnostic Purposes

To meet DSM-5 criteria for the diagnosis, one must have at least 6 positive responses to the inattentive 9 or hyperactive 9 core symptoms, or both. A positive response is a 2 or 3 (often, very often) (you could draw a line straight down the page and count the positive answers in each subsegment). There is a place to record the number of positives in each subsegment.

The initial scales have symptom screens for 3 other comorbidities: oppositional-defiant disorder, conduct disorder, and anxiety/ depression. (The initial teacher scale also screens for learning disabilities.) These are screened by the number of positive responses in each of the segments. The specific item sets and numbers of positives required for each comorbid symptom screen set are detailed below and on the next page.

The second section of the scale has a set of performance measures, scored 1 to 5, with 4 and 5 being somewhat of a problem/ problematic. To meet criteria for ADHD there must be at least 2 items of the performance set in which the child scores a 4, or 1 item of the performance set in which the child scores a 5; ie, there must be impairment, not just symptoms, to meet diagnostic criteria. The sheet has a place to record the number of positives (4s, 5s).

Scoring to Monitor Symptom and Performance Improvement

For the purposes of tracking symptoms and symptom severity, calculate the mean response for each subsegment of the ADHD symptom assessment screen items (inattentive 9 and hyperactive 9). To calculate the mean responses, first total the responses (0s, 1s, 2s, and 3s) from each item within the inattentive subsegment (items 1-9) and divide by the number of items that received a response. For example, if a parent only provided responses to 7 of the first 9 items, the responses would be totaled and divided by 7. Follow the same calculation instructions for the hyperactive subsegment (items 10-18).

Parent Assessment Scale	Teacher Assessment Scale
Predominantly Inattentive subtype ● Must score a 2 or 3 on 6 out of 9 items on questions 1–9. AND	Predominantly Inattentive subtype ● Must score a 2 or 3 on 6 out of 9 items on questions 1–9. AND
 Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 48-54. 	 Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 36–43.
Predominantly Hyperactive/Impulsive subtype • Must score a 2 or 3 on 6 out of 9 items on questions 10–18. AND • Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 48–54.	Predominantly Hyperactive/Impulsive subtype • Must score a 2 or 3 on 6 out of 9 items on questions 10–18. AND • Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 36–43.
ADHD Combined Inattention/Hyperactivity ● Requires the criteria on Inattentive AND Hyperactive/Impulsive subtypes	ADHD Combined Inattention/Hyperactivity ■ Requires the criteria on Inattentive AND Hyperactive/Impulsive subtypes
Oppositional-Defiant Disorder • Must score a 2 or 3 on 4 out of 8 behaviors on questions 19–26. • Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 48–54.	Oppositional-Defiant/Conduct Disorder • Must score a 2 or 3 on 3 out of 10 items on questions 19–28. • Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 36–43.
• Must score a 2 or 3 on 3 out of 14 behaviors on questions 27−40. • Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 48−54.	



Parent Assessment Scale	Teacher Assessment Scale
Anxiety/Depression • Must score a 2 or 3 on 3 out of 7 behaviors on questions 41–47. AND	Anxiety/Depression ● Must score a 2 or 3 on 3 out of 7 items on questions 29–35. AND
 Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 48-54. 	• Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 36–43.
	Learning Disabilities • Must score a 4 on both, or 5 on 1, of questions 36 and 38.

Follow-up Assessment

Scoring for Diagnostic Purposes

The parent and teacher follow-up scales have the first 18 core ADHD symptoms and the comorbid symptoms oppositional-defiant (parent) and oppositional-defiant/conduct (teacher) disorders. The Performance section has the same performance items and impairment assessment as the initial scales; it is followed by a sideeffect reporting scale that can be used to assess and monitor the presence of adverse reactions to prescribed medications, if any. Scoring the follow-up scales involves tracking inattentive (items 1-9) and hyperactive (items 10-18) ADHD, as well as the

aforementioned comorbidities, as measures of improvement over time with treatment.

Scoring to Monitor Symptom and Performance Improvement

To determine the score for follow-up, calculate the mean response for each of the ADHD subsegments. Compare the mean response from the follow-up inattentive subsegment (items 1–9) to the mean response from the inattentive subsegment that was calculated at baseline assessment. Conduct the same comparison for the mean responses for the hyperactive subsegment (items 10-18) taken at follow-up and baseline.

Parent Assessment Scale	Teacher Assessment Scale
Predominantly Inattentive subtype • Must score a 2 or 3 on 6 out of 9 items on questions 1–9. <u>AND</u> • Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 27–33.	Predominantly Inattentive subtype • Must score a 2 or 3 on 6 out of 9 items on questions 1–9. <u>AND</u> • Score a 4 on at least 2, or 5 on at least 1, of the performance questions 29–36.
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ADHD Combined Inattention/Hyperactivity ● Requires the criteria on Inattentive AND Hyperactive/Impulsive subtypes	ADHD Combined Inattention/Hyperactivity ● Requires the criteria on Inattentive AND Hyperactive/Impulsive subtypes
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