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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Attached are the forms needed for us to begin the evaluation of your child for Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. **We ask that both of the child's parents and the teacher complete a set of behavioral rating scales.** This information is important for the diagnosis and treatment of your child.

Generally, the parents and teachers spend the most amount of time with the child, but if you feel that there is another person in your child's life who could offer insight into the concerns you are bringing to the doctor, please feel free to ask for additional rating scales for them to complete. **Please complete the forms on your own.** It is important that we have each person's input without influence from someone else.

**Please fill out the forms as completely as possible.** If you do not know the answer to a question, please write "Don't know", so that we can be sure that the item was not simply overlooked.

**We ask that you complete these forms as soon as possible,** as we are unable to begin the child's evaluation without them.

**Thank you** for your assistance and cooperation in the completion of these forms. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials, or if you would like additional information regarding the services provided, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Primary Care Physician at Pediatric Associates of Southwest Missouri

# NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scale: Parent Informant

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's 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.**

**Is this evaluation based on a time when the child**

was on medication     was not on medication     not sure?

Symptoms	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often	
1. 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, 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	For Office Use Only _____/9
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	For Office Use Only _____/9

Symptoms (continued)	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often	
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	For Office Use Only /8
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	
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	For Office Use Only /14
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	For Office Use Only /7

Performance	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Somewhat of a Problem	Problematic	
48. Reading	1	2	3	4	5	
49. Writing	1	2	3	4	5	For Office Use Only 4s: /3
50. Mathematics	1	2	3	4	5	For Office Use Only 5s: /3
51. Relationship with parents	1	2	3	4	5	
52. Relationship with siblings	1	2	3	4	5	
53. Relationship with peers	1	2	3	4	5	For Office Use Only 4s: /4
54. Participation in organized activities (eg, teams)	1	2	3	4	5	For Office Use Only 5s: /4



## Other Conditions

**Tic Behaviors:** To the best of your knowledge, please indicate if this child displays the following behaviors:

1. **Motor Tics:** Rapid, repetitive movements such as eye blinking, grimacing, nose twitching, head jerks, shoulder shrugs, arm jerks, body jerks, or rapid kicks.  
 No tics present.  Yes, they occur nearly every day but go unnoticed by most people.  Yes, noticeable tics occur nearly every day.
2. **Phonic (Vocal) Tics:** Repetitive noises including but not limited to throat clearing, coughing, whistling, sniffing, snorting, screeching, barking, grunting, or repetition of words or short phrases.  
 No tics present.  Yes, they occur nearly every day but go unnoticed by most people.  Yes, noticeable tics occur nearly every day.
3. If **YES** to 1 or 2, do these tics interfere with the child's activities (like reading, writing, walking, talking, or eating)?  No  Yes

**Previous Diagnosis and Treatment:** To the best of your knowledge, please answer the following questions:

- |  |                             |                              |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Has your child been diagnosed with a tic disorder or Tourette syndrome? | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| 2. Is your child on medication for a tic disorder or Tourette syndrome?    | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| 3. Has your child been diagnosed with depression?                          | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| 4. Is your child on medication for depression?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| 5. Has your child been diagnosed with an anxiety disorder?                 | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| 6. Is your child on medication for an anxiety disorder?                    | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| 7. Has your child been diagnosed with a learning or language disorder?     | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |

**Comments:**



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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 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 in questions 48–50: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of questions scored 5 in questions 48–50: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of questions scored 4 in questions 51–54: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of questions scored 5 in questions 51–54: \_\_\_\_\_

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