

# NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Follow-up: 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.  
Please think about your child's behaviors since the last assessment scale was filled out when rating his or her behaviors.  
Is this evaluation based on a time when the child  was on medication  was not on medication  not sure?

If on medication, please list medication name and dose: \_\_\_\_\_

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
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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
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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

Performance	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Somewhat of a Problem	Problematic	
27. Reading	1	2	3	4	5	
28. Writing	1	2	3	4	5	For Office Use Only 4s /3
29. Mathematics	1	2	3	4	5	For Office Use Only 5s /3
30. Relationship with parents	1	2	3	4	5	
31. Relationship with siblings	1	2	3	4	5	
32. Relationship with peers	1	2	3	4	5	For Office Use Only 4s /4
33. Participation in organized activities (eg, teams)	1	2	3	4	5	For Office Use Only 5s /4

Adapted from the Vanderbilt Rating Scales developed by Mark L. Wolraich, MD.

Side Effects: Has your child experienced any of the following side effect or problems in the past week?	Are these side effects currently a problem?			
	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Headache				
Stomachache				
Change of appetite—explain below				
Trouble sleeping				
Irritability in the late morning, late afternoon, or evening—explain below				
Socially withdrawn—decreased interaction with others				
Extreme sadness or unusual crying				
Dull, tired, listless behavior				
Tremors/feeling shaky				
Repetitive movements, tics, jerking, twitching, eye blinking—explain below				
Picking at skin or fingers, nail biting, lip or cheek chewing—explain below				
Sees or hears things that aren't there				

Explain/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 4 in questions 27–29: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of questions scored 5 in questions 27–29: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of questions scored 4 in questions 30–33: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of questions scored 5 in questions 30–33: \_\_\_\_\_

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