

Element	Details
Time to Administer	15 minutes, but requires some training.
Type	Caregiver Self-Assessment
Setting	The behaviours covered include many of those found most disruptive, including verbal aggression, repetitiveness, screaming, hitting, grabbing and sexual advances. Any setting but most commonly used in research settings.
Administration	HCP provides direction to caregiver.
Interpretation	A 29-item scale to systematically assess agitation. The 29 behaviours seen in dementia are rated for frequency – the lack of focus on severity is corrected by the breadth of behaviours covered. 1 -Never; 2 - Less than once a week; 3 -Once or twice a week; 4 -Several times a week; 5 -Once or twice a day; 6 -Several times a day; 7 -Several times an hour.
Reference	Cohen-Mansfield, J., Marx, M. S., & Rosenthal, A. S. (1989). A description of agitation in a nursing home. <i>Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences</i> , 44(3), M77-M84.