

## Initial Vanderbilt Assessment Scale Scoring Instructions

To Make a DSM-Based Diagnosis for ADHD using the Vanderbilt Assessment Scales, a patient must meet criteria for **SYMPTOMS AND IMPAIRMENT** in **TWO SETTINGS** (i.e. Home and School).

**Questions #1 – 9** screen for Inattentive Symptoms

**Questions # 10 – 18** screen for Hyperactive Symptoms

**Questions A – H** screen for Impairment

### HOME

### SCHOOL/OTHER

<b>Inattentive Type</b>	<b>Inattentive Type</b>
1. Count the number of positives (2s and 3s) for #1-9 2. Count the number of positives (4s and 5s) for #48-55  <i>Meets criteria if:</i> <b>6 or more Positives</b> (2s and 3s) for #1-9 <b>and</b> <b>1 or more Positive(s)</b> (4s and 5s) for A - H	1. Count the number of positives (2s and 3s) for #1-9 2. Count the number of positives (4s and 5s) for #36-43  <i>Meets criteria if:</i> <b>6 or more Positives</b> (2s and 3s) for #1-9 <b>and</b> <b>1 or more Positive(s)</b> (4s and 5s) for A - H
<b>Hyperactive Type</b>	<b>Hyperactive Type</b>
1. Count the number of positives (2s and 3s) for #10-18 2. Count the number of positives (4s and 5s) for #48-55  <i>Meets criteria if:</i> <b>6 or more Positives</b> (2s and 3s) for #10-18 <b>and</b> <b>1 or more Positive(s)</b> (4s and 5s) for A - H	1. Count the number of positives (2s and 3s) for #10-18 2. Count the number of positives (4s and 5s) for #36-43  <i>Meets criteria if:</i> <b>6 or more Positives</b> (2s and 3s) for #10-18 <b>and</b> <b>1 or more Positive(s)</b> (4s and 5s) for A - H
<b>ADHD Combined Type</b>	<b>ADHD Combined Type</b>
If a Patient Meets Criteria for BOTH Inattentive and Hyperactive ADHD (as described above) in <b>TWO SETTINGS</b> then the Patient is diagnosed with ADHD-Combined Type	If a Patient Meets Criteria for BOTH Inattentive and Hyperactive ADHD (as described above) in <b>TWO SETTINGS</b> then the Patient is diagnosed with ADHD-Combined Type

**To Calculate the Total Symptom Score (TSS):** Find the sum of all of the 0s, 1s, 2s, and 3s that have been circled in Questions 1 – 18. The maximum score in this section is 54.

**To Calculate the Average Performance Score (APS):** Find the sum of all the 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s and 5s that have been circled in Questions A through H. Next, divide this calculated sum by the total number of questions that have been answered.

The Vanderbilt Rating Scales also screen for the most common psychiatric diagnoses co-morbid with ADHD – including **Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Conduct Disorder (CD), and Anxiety/Depression.** Once again, **SYMPTOMS AND IMPAIRMENT** must be present in **TWO SETTINGS** (i.e. Home and School) (Note: On the Teacher Assessment form, ODD and CD are combined into ONE section.)

**SETTING 1**

**SETTING 2**

<p><b>Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD)</b></p> <p>1. Count the number of Positives (2s and 3s) for #19-26 2. Count the number of Positives (4s and 5s) for #48-55</p> <p>Meets Criteria for ODD if: 4 or more positives (2s and 3s) for #19-26 <b>and</b> 1 or more positives (4s and 5s) for #48-55 (Performance)</p>	<p><b>Oppositional Defiant Disorder/ Conduct Disorder (ODD/CD)</b></p> <p>1. Count the number of Positives (2s and 3s) for #19-28 2. Count the number of Positives (4s and 5s) for #36-43</p> <p>Meets Criteria for ODD/CD if: 4 or more positives (2s and 3s) for #19-28 <b>and</b> 1 or more positives (4s and 5s) for #36-43 (Performance)</p>
<p><b>Conduct Disorder (CD)</b></p> <p>1. Count the number of Positives (2s and 3s) for #27-40 2. Count the number of Positives (4s and 5s) for #48-55</p> <p>Meets Criteria for CD if: 4 or more positives (2s and 3s) for #27-40 <b>and</b> 1 or more positives (4s and 5s) for #48-55 (Performance)</p>	
<p><b>Anxiety/Depression</b></p> <p>1. Count the number of Positives (2s and 3s) for #41-47 2. Count the number of Positives (4s and 5s) for #48-55</p> <p>Meets Criteria for Anxiety/Depression if: 4 or more positives (2s and 3s) for #41-47 <b>and</b> 1 or more positives (4s and 5s) for #48-55 (Performance)</p>	<p><b>Anxiety/Depression</b></p> <p>1. Count the number of Positives (2s and 3s) for #29-35 2. Count the number of Positives (4s and 5s) for #36-43</p> <p>Meets Criteria for Anxiety/Depression if: 4 or more positives (2s and 3s) for #29-35 <b>and</b> 1 or more positives (4s and 5s) for #36-43 (Performance)</p>