

A-WPTAS Audit Tool

Explanatory Notes

The A-WPTAS Audit Tool for the Abbreviated Westmead Post Traumatic Amnesia Scale (A-WPTAS) state form has been designed for sites to use if they wish to evaluate the correct utilisation of the form. The data collected from the audit is only for local quality improvement purposes.

The Audit Tool forms part of the A-WPTAS implementation package provided by the Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI).

The Audit Tool consists of 10 data elements. Record a *Yes*, *No* or *Not Applicable* for each element. Please note that the data elements must be recorded correctly each time the patient was assessed in order to be given a “yes” on the audit tool.

The data elements are detailed below:

Data element	Notes – guide to scoring element as “yes”
1. Patient ID details recorded / sticker affixed	The patient’s identification details is either clearly handwritten or has a patient ID sticker affixed. <i>(Yes / No)</i>
2. Date and time of assessment recorded	The date and time of each assessment occurrence is recorded in the dedicated rows at the top of the assessment form. <i>(Yes / No)</i>
3. Meets criteria for use - no scores in grey shaded boxes	Patient is opening eyes spontaneously, obeying commands and is GCS 13-15, i.e. there are no scores in the grey shaded boxes of the GCS component. <i>(Yes / No)</i>
4. Tick/cross used for 5 orientation questions	A tick or cross is recorded for each of the 5 orientation questions of the GCS. <i>(Yes / No)</i>
5. Scored as orientated only if 5 orientation questions correct	The patient is only scored as Orientated (score of 5) in the GCS component if all 5 orientation questions are answered correctly. <i>(Yes / No / Not Applicable)</i>
6. A-WPTAS testing ceased once 18/18 or after 4hrs of obs.	Testing of A-WPTAS was ceased once the patient scored 18/18 or <18/18 after 4hrs. <i>(Yes / No)</i>
7. Limb strength completed	The limb strength section was completed with each assessment. <i>(Yes / No)</i>
8. Eye signs completed	The eye signs section was completed with each assessment. <i>(Yes / No)</i>
9. Assessor initials recorded	The initials of the assessor are recorded in the dedicated row following each assessment occurrence.
10. Discharge advice prompts ticked	The discharge advised prompts are ticked as required. <i>(Yes / No / Not Applicable)</i>

