



## UNC CFAR Social and Behavioral Science Research Core Database

**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** OVAT: Ongoing Violence Assessment Tool

**SOURCE ARTICLE:** Ernst, A., Weiss, S., Cham, E., Hall, L., & Nick, T. (2004). Detecting Ongoing Intimate Partner Violence in the Emergency Department Using a Simple 4-Question Screen: The OVAT. *Violence and Victims*. 19(3): 375-384

**POPULATION:** men, women, students, patients, African American, Latino, general population

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:** True/False and circle the best option (never to very frequently)

**SCORING:** A “true” response to questions 1, 2, or 4 OR a response of 3 or higher for question 3 is considered a positive screen for ongoing IPV

### **SURVEY ITEMS:**

- 1) Within the last month my partner has threatened me with a weapon. (True / False)
- 2) Within the last month my partner has beaten me so badly that I had to seek medical care. (True / False)
- 3) (Circle the best response) Within the last month my partner has had no respect for my feelings.

Never            Rarely            Occasionally            Frequently            Very Frequently

- 4) Within the last month my partner has acted like he or she would like to kill me. (True / False)

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**RELIABILITY INFORMATION:** Not Available

**VALIDITY INFORMATION:** Criterion Validity and Factor Structure are reported

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