

# ACUTE-2007 EVALUATOR WORKBOOK

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## Introduction

### Overview

This document is the first technical and interpretative workbook for evaluators using ACUTE-2007. It updates and replaces the appendices and supplementary materials found in the July 2015 version of the ACUTE-2007 Coding Manual (Fernandez, Gotch, Hanson, & Harris, 2015) and all other previous versions.

ACUTE-2007 is a measure of recent, risk-relevant behaviours and circumstances of adult males under community supervision for a sexually motivated offence against an identifiable person (i.e., same inclusion criteria as STABLE-2007; Fernandez, Harris, Hanson, & Sparks, 2014). It was developed for use with individuals who have access or opportunities to reoffend in the community. ACUTE-2007 was first described in a government report ([Hanson, Harris, Scott, & Helmus, 2007](#)).

This workbook should be used in conjunction with the 2015 Revised ACUTE-2007 Coding Manual (Fernandez et al., 2015). Evaluators interested in using ACUTE-2007 must receive training from a certified trainer. For a list of certified Static/STABLE/ACUTE trainers contact Dr. Dana Anderson at [dana.anderson@rogers.com](mailto:dana.anderson@rogers.com). For a list of certified STABLE-2007/ACUTE-2007 trainers contact Dr. Maaike Helmus at [Lmaaikehismus@gmail.com](mailto:Lmaaikehismus@gmail.com).

### Why have an Evaluator Workbook for ACUTE-2007?

This document contains updated psychometric information on ACUTE-2007 (i.e., percentiles, distributions), and rules for interpreting ACUTE-2007 scores using the five Standardized Risk Levels ([Hanson, Babchishin, Helmus, Thornton, & Phenix, 2017](#); [Hanson, Bourgon, et al., 2017](#)).

The purpose of using the Standardized Risk Levels in this workbook is part of a larger movement to improve risk communication. Advances in risk assessment have led to a variety of risk tools, each with different sets of items and scoring rules. The convention of using nominal risk levels (e.g., “low,” “high”) to interpret scores inhibits comparisons across scales. The standardized risk framework is a non-arbitrary method for defining levels of risk based upon thresholds relevant for decision making (i.e., absolute risk and relative risk), provides guidance on the dosage of intervention efforts, and is independent of any single tool. For more information on the Standardized Risk Levels see [Appendix A, “Standardized Risk Levels for Sexual Offending.”](#)

This document provides guidance on combining ACUTE-2007 with the Standardized Risk Levels estimated by [Static-99R/STABLE-2007](#). Guidance on combining ACUTE-2007 with Static-2002R/STABLE-2007 and Risk Matrix 2000/STABLE-2007 will be provided in future documents once the necessary data is available.

This workbook contains several useful resources for evaluators, including an updated [ACUTE-2007 Tally Sheet](#), an updated [ACUTE-2007 Tally Sheet \(with Example Questions\)](#), a new [ACUTE-2007 Summary Sheet](#), and a variety of new [ACUTE-2007 report writing templates](#).

For a video overview of this workbook, please go to <http://youtube.com/c/AndrewBrankley>.

This was a preview of the ACUTE-2007 Evaluator workbook.

The complete workbook is available from your ACUTE-2007 certified trainer.

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