**OVAT (Ongoing Violence Assessment Tool)**

1. At the present time does your partner threaten you with a weapon? (Yes/No)

2. At the present time does your partner beat you up so badly that you must seek medical help? (Yes/No)

3. At the present time does your partner act like he/she would like to kill you? (Yes/No)

4. My partner has no respect for my feelings. (Never, Rarely, Occasionally, Often, Always)

**Administration method:** Self report.

**Follow-up procedures:** Referrals to social services are offered.

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