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**Brief Description of Instrument** – Measures the quality of clinical notes of patients with minor injuries seen in the ED. Measures the number of essential criteria of notes of minor injury.

**Scale Format** – Checklist.

**Administration Technique** – Researcher reviews patient records and fills out sections that are applicable to case.

**Scoring and Interpretation** – To calculate final score, add the total number of criteria correctly documented in the notes [Total score]. Add up the maximum possible score for that particular set of notes (i.e. the maximum score in each of the groups of criteria used in each section) [Maximum possible score]. Divide the total score by the maximum possible score and multiply by 30. This will give you your final score for that set of notes. Score is out of 30.

**Factors and Norms** – Comprised of 1) core criteria, 2) investigations, medication and discharge, 3) wounds and burns, 4) limb injuries, 5) minor head injuries.

**Inter-rater Reliability** – Three people reviewed and rated 20 notes. Pearson correlation 0.68.

**Content & Face Validity** – Developed using expert panel and consensus methodology, modified nominal group technique. This technique makes use of group problem solving by drawing on: brainstorming, voting, the Delphi process and committee work.

**Published APN Studies using instrument** – [Cooper MA, Lindsay GM, Kinn S, Swann IJ. Evaluating Emergency Nurse Practitioner services: a randomized controlled trial. J Adv Nurs. 2002 Dec;40\(6\):721-30.](#)