

OASIS Alert

Build Your Own Audit Tool

Building a custom audit tool for your agency can help you gather the most pertinent information about your OASIS accuracy. Keep in mind these tips for developing an audit tool from **Pat Jump, MA, BSN, RN, COS-C**, with Rice Lake, Wis.-based **Acorn's End Training & Consulting**.

- Collect only objective data.
- Clearly define your data elements.
- Document detailed instructions for drilling down to each data element.
- Limit each data element to only one unit of information. Don't lump multiple questions into one data element.
- Make sure the time period is clearly stated, especially if you are looking for something during a specific time period.
- Provide training for all auditors.
- Pilot test the data collection tool. If your auditors are confused as to how to interpret and answer questions, provide more clarity.