

**Section C****Cognitive Patterns****C0100. Should Brief Interview for Mental Status (C0200-C0500) be Conducted?**

Attempt to conduct interview with all residents

Enter Code

0. **No** (resident is rarely/never understood) → Skip to and complete C0700-C1000, Staff Assessment for Mental Status
1. **Yes** → Continue to C0200, Repetition of Three Words

**Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS)****C0200. Repetition of Three Words**

Enter Code

Ask resident: *"I am going to say three words for you to remember. Please repeat the words after I have said all three. The words are: **sock, blue, and bed.** Now tell me the three words."*

**Number of words repeated after first attempt**

0. **None**
1. **One**
2. **Two**
3. **Three**

After the resident's first attempt, repeat the words using cues (*"sock, something to wear; blue, a color; bed, a piece of furniture"*). You may repeat the words up to two more times.

**C0300. Temporal Orientation** (orientation to year, month, and day)

Enter Code

Ask resident: *"Please tell me what year it is right now."***A. Able to report correct year**

0. **Missed by > 5 years** or no answer
1. **Missed by 2-5 years**
2. **Missed by 1 year**
3. **Correct**

Enter Code

Ask resident: *"What month are we in right now?"***B. Able to report correct month**

0. **Missed by > 1 month** or no answer
1. **Missed by 6 days to 1 month**
2. **Accurate within 5 days**

Enter Code

Ask resident: *"What day of the week is today?"***C. Able to report correct day of the week**

0. **Incorrect** or no answer
1. **Correct**

**C0400. Recall**

Enter Code

Ask resident: *"Let's go back to an earlier question. What were those three words that I asked you to repeat?"*  
If unable to remember a word, give cue (something to wear; a color; a piece of furniture) for that word.

**A. Able to recall "sock"**

0. **No** - could not recall
1. **Yes, after cueing** ("something to wear")
2. **Yes, no cue required**

Enter Code

**B. Able to recall "blue"**

0. **No** - could not recall
1. **Yes, after cueing** ("a color")
2. **Yes, no cue required**

Enter Code

**C. Able to recall "bed"**

0. **No** - could not recall
1. **Yes, after cueing** ("a piece of furniture")
2. **Yes, no cue required**

**C0500. BIMS Summary Score**

Enter Score

**Add scores** for questions C0200-C0400 and fill in total score (00-15)

**Enter 99 if the resident was unable to complete the interview**



**Section C Cognitive Patterns**

**C0600. Should the Staff Assessment for Mental Status (C0700 - C1000) be Conducted?**

Enter Code <input type="checkbox"/>	0. <b>No</b> (resident was able to complete Brief Interview for Mental Status) → Skip to C1310, Signs and Symptoms of Delirium 1. <b>Yes</b> (resident was unable to complete Brief Interview for Mental Status) → Continue to C0700, Short-term Memory OK
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**Staff Assessment for Mental Status**

Do not conduct if Brief Interview for Mental Status (C0200-C0500) was completed

**C0700. Short-term Memory OK**

Enter Code <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Seems or appears to recall after 5 minutes</b> 0. <b>Memory OK</b> 1. <b>Memory problem</b>
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**C0800. Long-term Memory OK**

Enter Code <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Seems or appears to recall long past</b> 0. <b>Memory OK</b> 1. <b>Memory problem</b>
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**C0900. Memory/Recall Ability**

↓ Check all that the resident was normally able to recall

- A. Current season**
- B. Location of own room**
- C. Staff names and faces**
- D. That he or she is in a nursing home/hospital swing bed**
- Z. None of the above** were recalled

**C1000. Cognitive Skills for Daily Decision Making**

Enter Code <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Made decisions regarding tasks of daily life</b> 0. <b>Independent</b> - decisions consistent/reasonable 1. <b>Modified independence</b> - some difficulty in new situations only 2. <b>Moderately impaired</b> - decisions poor; cues/supervision required 3. <b>Severely impaired</b> - never/rarely made decisions
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**Delirium**

**C1310. Signs and Symptoms of Delirium (from CAM©)**

Code **after completing** Brief Interview for Mental Status or Staff Assessment, and reviewing medical record

**A. Acute Onset Mental Status Change**

Enter Code <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is there evidence of an acute change in mental status</b> from the resident's baseline? 0. <b>No</b> 1. <b>Yes</b>
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↓ Enter Codes in Boxes

<b>Coding:</b> 0. <b>Behavior not present</b> 1. <b>Behavior continuously present, does not fluctuate</b> 2. <b>Behavior present, fluctuates</b> (comes and goes, changes in severity)	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>B. Inattention</b> - Did the resident have difficulty focusing attention, for example, being easily distractible or having difficulty keeping track of what was being said?  <b>C. Disorganized Thinking</b> - Was the resident's thinking disorganized or incoherent (rambling or irrelevant conversation, unclear or illogical flow of ideas, or unpredictable switching from subject to subject)?  <b>D. Altered Level of Consciousness</b> - Did the resident have altered level of consciousness, as indicated by any of the following criteria? ■ <b>vigilant</b> - startled easily to any sound or touch ■ <b>lethargic</b> - repeatedly dozed off when being asked questions, but responded to voice or touch ■ <b>stuporous</b> - very difficult to arouse and keep aroused for the interview ■ <b>comatose</b> - could not be aroused
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