

## **CONFUSION ASSESSMENT METHOD (CAM) LONG FORM**

### **OBSERVATIONS BY INTERVIEWER**

Interviewer: Immediately after completing the interview, please answer the following questions based on what you observed during the interview, Short Portable Mental Status Questionnaire (SPMSQ) (Pg 25 of the training manual), and Digit Span Test.

### **ACUTE ONSET**

1. a. Is there evidence of an acute change in mental status from the patient's baseline?

Yes	- 1
No	- 2
Uncertain	- 8

- b. (IF YES) Please describe change and source of information:

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### **INATTENTION**

2. a. Did the patient have difficulty focusing attention, for example being easily distractible, or having difficulty keeping track of what was being said?

Not present at any time during interview	- 1
Present at some time during interview, but in mild form	- 2
Present at some time during interview, in marked form	- 3
Uncertain	- 8

- b. (IF PRESENT) Did this behavior fluctuate during the interview, that is, tend to come and go or increase and decrease in severity?

Yes	- 1
No	- 2
Uncertain	- 8
Not Applicable (NA)	- 9

- c. (IF PRESENT) Please describe this behavior:

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### DISORGANIZED THINKING

3. a. Was the patient's thinking disorganized or incoherent, such as rambling or irrelevant conversation, unclear or illogical flow or of ideas, unpredictable switching from subject to subject?

Not present at any time during interview	- 1
Present at some time during interview, but in mild form	- 2
Present at some time during interview, in marked form	- 3
Uncertain	- 8

b. (IF PRESENT) Did this behavior fluctuate during the interview, that is, tend to come and go or increase or decrease in severity?

Yes	- 1
No	- 2
Uncertain	- 8
NA	- 9

c. (IF PRESENT) Please describe this behavior:

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### ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS

4. a. Overall, how would you rate this patient's level of consciousness?

GO TO Q5 ← Alert (Normal)	- 1
Vigilant (Hyperalert, overly sensitive to environmental stimuli, startled very easily)	- 2
Lethargic (Drowsy, easily aroused)	- 3
Stupor (Difficult to arouse)	- 4
Coma (Unarousable)	- 5
Uncertain	- 8

b. (IF OTHER THAN ALERT) Did this behavior fluctuate during the interview, that is,

tend to come and go or increase and decrease in severity?

Yes	- 1
No	- 2
Uncertain	- 8
NA	- 9

c. (IF OTHER THAN ALERT) Please describe this behavior:

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### DISORIENTATION

5. a. Was the patient disoriented at any time during the interview, such as thinking he/she was somewhere other than the hospital, using the wrong bed, or misjudging the time of day?

Not present at any time during interview	- 1
Present at some time during interview, but in mild form	- 2
Present at some time during interview, in marked form	- 3
Uncertain	- 8

b. (IF PRESENT) Did this behavior fluctuate during the interview, that is, tend to come and go or increase and decrease in severity?

Yes	- 1
No	- 2
Uncertain	- 8
NA	- 9

c. (IF PRESENT) Please describe this behavior:

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## MEMORY IMPAIRMENT

6. a. Did the patient demonstrate any memory problems during the interview, such as inability to remember events in the hospital or difficulty remembering instructions?

Not present at any time during interview	- 1
Present at some time during interview, but in mild form	- 2
Present at some time during interview, in marked form	- 3
Uncertain	- 8

- b. (IF PRESENT) Did this behavior fluctuate during the interview, that is, tend to come and go or increase and decrease in severity?

Yes	- 1
No	- 2
Uncertain	- 8
NA	- 9

- c. (IF PRESENT) Please describe this behavior:

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## PERCEPTUAL DISTURBANCES

7. a. Did the patient have any evidence of perceptual disturbances, for example, hallucinations, illusions, or misinterpretations (such as thinking something was moving when it was not)?

Not present at any time during interview	- 1
Present at some time during interview, but in mild form	- 2
Present at some time during interview, in marked form	- 3
Uncertain	- 8

- b. (IF PRESENT) Did this behavior fluctuate during the interview, that is, tend to come and go or increase and decrease in severity?

Yes	- 1
No	- 2
Uncertain	- 8
NA	- 9

- c. (IF PRESENT) Please describe these perceptual changes:

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### PSYCHOMOTOR AGITATION

8. a. (Part 1) At any time during the interview, did the patient have an unusually increased level of motor activity, such as restlessness, picking at bedclothes, tapping fingers, or making frequent sudden changes of position?

Not present at any time during interview	- 1
Present at some time during interview, but in mild form	- 2
Present at some time during interview, in marked form	- 3
Uncertain	- 8

- b. (IF PRESENT) Did this behavior fluctuate during the interview, that is, tend to come and go or increase and decrease in severity?

Yes	- 1
No	- 2
Uncertain	- 8
NA	- 9

- c. (IF PRESENT) Please describe this behavior:
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### PSYCHOMOTOR RETARDATION

8. a. (Part 2) At any time during the interview, did the patient have an unusually decreased level of motor activity, such as sluggishness, staring into space, staying in one position for a long time, or moving very slowly?

Not present at any time during interview	- 1
Present at some time during interview, but in mild form	- 2
Present at some time during interview, in marked form	- 3
Uncertain	- 8

- b. (IF PRESENT) Did this behavior fluctuate during the interview, that is, tend to come and go or increase and decrease in severity?

Yes	- 1
No	- 2
Uncertain	- 8
NA	- 9

- c. (IF PRESENT) Please describe this behavior:

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### ALTERED SLEEP-WAKE CYCLE

1. Did the patient have any evidence of disturbance of the sleep-wake cycle during the past 24 hours, such as excessive daytime sleepiness with insomnia at night? Did the patient/nurse/family member report difficulty with sleep during the past 24 hours? (include OLD and NEW or WORSE)

Present, mild. Drowsy during interview but easily awakened; OR any reports of mild sleep disturbance (0)

Present, marked. Occurs often or disrupts interview (1)

Not present at any time during the interview and no reports of sleep disturbance (2)

Uncertain(8)

- b. (IF YES) Please describe the disturbance:

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