

Confusion Assessment Method for the ICU (CAM-ICU) Flowsheet

1. Acute Change or Fluctuating Course of Mental Status:

- Is there an acute change from mental status baseline? OR
- Has the patient's mental status fluctuated during the past 24 hours?

NO

CAM-ICU negative
NO DELIRIUM

YES

2. Inattention:

- "Squeeze my hand when I say the letter 'A'."
Read the following sequence of letters:
SAVEAHAART or CASABLANCA or ABADBADAAY
ERRORS: No squeeze with 'A' & Squeeze on letter other than 'A'
- If unable to complete Letters → Pictures

0 - 2
Errors

CAM-ICU negative
NO DELIRIUM

> 2 Errors

3. Altered Level of Consciousness

Current RASS level

RASS other
than zero

CAM-ICU positive
DELIRIUM Present

RASS = zero

4. Disorganized Thinking:

1. Will a stone float on water?
2. Are there fish in the sea?
3. Does one pound weigh more than two?
4. Can you use a hammer to pound a nail?

Command: "Hold up this many fingers" (Hold up 2 fingers)
"Now do the same thing with the other hand" (Do not demonstrate)
OR "Add one more finger" (If patient unable to move both arms)

> 1 Error

0 - 1
Error

CAM-ICU negative
NO DELIRIUM