

CAM ICU

The CAM ICU is a tool that may be used if you think that the ICDSC may be under or over scoring a patient. This tool may be most useful for patients with hypoactive delirium.

Feature 1: Acute Onset or Fluctuating Course	Score	Check here if Present		
<p style="text-align: center;">Is the pt different than his/her baseline mental status? OR</p> <p>Has the patient had any fluctuation in mental status in the past 24 hours as evidenced by fluctuation on a sedation scale (i.e., RASS), GCS, or previous delirium assessment?</p>	Either question Yes →	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Feature 2: Inattention				
<p>Letters Attention Test (See training manual for alternate Pictures)</p> <p><i>Directions:</i> Say to the patient, "I am going to read you a series of 10 letters. Whenever you hear the letter 'A,' indicate by squeezing my hand." Read letters from the following letter list in a normal tone 3 seconds apart.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S A V E A H A A R T</p> <p>Errors are counted when patient fails to squeeze on the letter "A" and when the patient squeezes on any letter other than "A."</p>			Number of Errors >2 →	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feature 3: Altered Level of Consciousness				
Present if the Actual RASS score is anything other than alert and calm (zero)	RASS anything other than zero →	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Feature 4: Disorganized Thinking				
<p>Yes/No Questions (See training manual for alternate set of questions)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will a stone float on water? 2. Are there fish in the sea? 3. Does one pound weigh more than two pounds? 4. Can you use a hammer to pound a nail? <p>Errors are counted when the patient incorrectly answers a question.</p> <p>Command Say to patient: "Hold up this many fingers" (Hold 2 fingers in front of patient) "Now do the same thing with the other hand" (Do not repeat number of fingers) *If pt is unable to move both arms, for 2nd part of command ask patient to "Add one more finger"</p> <p>An error is counted if patient is unable to complete the entire command.</p>			Combined number of errors >1→	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall CAM-ICU				
Feature 1 <u>plus</u> 2 <u>and</u> either 3 <u>or</u> 4 present = CAM-ICU positive	Criteria Met →	<input type="checkbox"/> CAM-ICU Positive (Delirium Present)		
	Criteria Not Met →	<input type="checkbox"/> CAM-ICU Negative (No Delirium)		