

# 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
Is the pt different than his/her baseline mental status? OR 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?	Either question Yes →	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Feature 2: Inattention</b>		
<b>Letters Attention Test</b> (See training manual for alternate <b>Pictures</b> )		
Directions: 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.  <b>S A V E A H A A R T</b>  Errors are counted when patient fails to squeeze on the letter "A" and when the patient squeezes on any letter other than "A."	Number of Errors >2 →	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Feature 3: Altered Level of Consciousness</b>		
Present if the Actual RASS score is anything other than alert and calm (zero)	RASS anything other than zero →	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Feature 4: Disorganized Thinking</b>		
<b>Yes/No Questions</b> (See training manual for alternate set of questions)		
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?  Errors are counted when the patient incorrectly answers a question.  <b>Command</b> 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> part of command ask patient to "Add one more finger"  An error is counted if patient is unable to complete the entire command.	Combined number of errors >1→	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Overall CAM-ICU</b>	Criteria Met →	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CAM-ICU Positive</b> (Delirium Present)
Feature 1 <u>plus</u> 2 <u>and</u> either 3 <u>or</u> 4 present = CAM-ICU positive	Criteria Not Met →	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CAM-ICU Negative</b> (No Delirium)