



# CONFUSION ASSESSMENT METHOD (CAM)

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Must have 1 and 2 plus either 3 or 4 to score Positive

**1. Altered mental status or fluctuating course**  
Has there been a recent change in mental status/cognition (e.g. memory, orientation, behaviour) or is there fluctuation in their mental status/cognition during the day?  
• If unknown baseline and yes to above then assume there has been a change.

☒ Yes

**2. Inattention**  
Is the patient able to focus? Can they follow a conversation?  
Test: Can you name the months backwards from December to July?

☒ 2 or more errors

**3. Altered (abnormal) level of consciousness?**  
• Are they showing signs of restlessness, agitation or drowsiness?

☐ No

**4. Disorganized thinking**  
Is there evidence of disorganized thinking? (i.e. incoherent, rambling or irrelevant speech)?  
Ask the patient:  
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?  
5. "Hold up this many fingers" (Hold up two fingers).  
"Now do the same thing with the other hand" (Do not demonstrate).

☐ No

CAM Negative  
No Delirium

☐ 0 or 1 errors

January  
Pure

☐ Any errors

CAM Positive  
Delirium Present

☐ No errors

CAM Negative  
No Delirium

Required: ☐ Patient is CAM Negative (-) OR ☒ Patient is CAM Positive (+)  
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