

## **Confusion Assessment Method**

### **Feature 1: Acute Onset and Fluctuating Course**

Acute change in mental status from baseline?

Fluctuation in the presence or severity of abnormal behavior during the day?

### **Feature 2: Inattention**

Easily distractible, or having difficulty keeping track of what was being said?

### **Feature 3: Disorganized Thinking**

Rambling or irrelevant conversation

Unclear or illogical flow of ideas

Unpredictable switching from subject to subject

### **Feature 4: Altered Level of Consciousness**

Vigilant [hyperalert]

Lethargic [drowsy, easy to arouse]

Stupor [difficult to arouse]

Coma [unarouseable]

The diagnosis of delirium by this method requires the presence of features 1 and 2 and either 3 or 4.

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