

Confusion Assessment Method (CAM) Diagnostic Algorithm	Date of assessment	
	Time of assessment	
		Yes or No
1. Acute onset and fluctuating course? (Acute change in mental status from baseline, fluctuating behaviour through the day)		
2. Inattention? (Difficulty focusing attention, easily distracted, difficulty keeping track of what is being said)		
3. Disorganised thinking? (disorganized or incoherent thinking, rambling or irrelevant conversation, unclear or illogical flow of ideas)		
4. Altered level of consciousness? (This feature is shown by any answer other than "alert", including: hyper-alert, lethargic, stupor, or coma)		
The diagnosis of Delirium by CAM requires the presence of features 1 and 2 AND EITHER 3 or 4		
Delirium detected?		YES NO (Circle)

Reference: Inouye SK, Van Dyck CH, Alessi CA, Balkin S, Siegel AP, Horwitz RI (1990) Clarifying confusion: the Confusion Assessment Method. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 113: 941-8