Confusion Assessment Method (CAM)

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Clinical Form Name	Confusion Assessment Method (CAM)
Clinical Area(s)	Aged care
Description of Use	The Confusion Assessment Method (CAM) is a standardized evidence-based tool that enables non-psychiatrically trained clinicians to identify
Availability	Yes, full access in Explorer Online
Explorer Online Screenshot	

CONFUSION ASSESSMENT METHOD (CAM)

INSTRUCTION: ASSESS THE FOLLOWING FACTORS

ACUTE ONSET

IS THERE EVIDENCE OF AN ACUTE CHANGE IN MENTAL STATUS FROM THE PATIENT'S BASELINE?
○ Yes ○ No ○ Uncertain ○ Not applicable

INATTENTION

DID THE PATIENT HAVE DIFFICULTY FOCUSING ATTENTION (FOR EXAMPLE, BEING DISTRACTIBLE OR HAVING DIFFICULTY KEEPING TRACK OF WHAT WAS BEING SAID)?
○ Not present at any time during interview
○ Present at some time during interview, but in mild form
○ Present at some time during interview, in marked form
○ Uncertain

DID THIS BEHAVIOUR FLUCTUATE DURING THE INTERVIEW (THAT IS, TEND TO COME AND GO OR INCREASE AND DECREASE IN SEVERITY)?
○ Yes ○ No ○ Uncertain ○ Not applicable

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS BEHAVIOUR

DISORGANIZED THINKING

WAS THE PATIENT'S THINKING DISORGANIZED OR INCOHERENT, SUCH AS RAMBLING OR IRRELEVANT CONVERSATION, UNCLEAR OR ILLOGICAL FLOW OF IDEAS, OR UNPREDICTABLE, SWITCHING FROM SUBJECT TO SUBJECT?
○ Yes ○ No ○ Uncertain ○ Not applicable

Report Preview	

Mrs Patient Marie TEST

Born 12-Dec-1990 (32y) Gender Female
32y at the time of observation

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Specimen	Lab No A75E6965-313E-48CB-86D9-D2B5B1D84E47	Request Date 2/03/2023 10:59 AM	Effective Date 2/03/2023 10:59 AM

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Confusion Assessment Method (E DAY)

INSTRUCTION: ASSESS THE FOLLOWING FACTORS

Acute Onset

Is there evidence of an acute change in mental status from the patient's baseline?	**Yes**

Inattention

Did the patient have difficulty focusing attention (for example, being distractible or having difficulty keeping track of what was being said)?	**Present at some time during interview, but in mild form**
Did this behaviour fluctuate during the interview (that is, tend to come and go or increase and decrease in severity)?	**No**
Please describe this behaviour	Increased

Disorganized Thinking

Was the patient's thinking disorganized or incoherent, such as rambling or irrelevant conversation, unclear or illogical flow of ideas, or unpredictable, switching from subject to subject?	**Uncertain**

Altered Level of Consciousness

Overall, how would you rate this patient's level of consciousness?	**Vigilant (hyperalert, overly sensitive to environmental stimuli, startled very easily)**

Disorientation

Was the patient disoriented at any time during the interview, such as thinking that he or she was somewhere other than the hospital, using the wrong bed, or misjudging the time of day?	**No**

Memory Impairment

Did the patient demonstrate any memory problems during the interview, such as inability to remember events in the hospital or difficulty remembering instructions?	**Not applicable**

Perceptual Disturbance

Mind Map

Excel File /Structure

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- Description
- Uses 0 Archetype(s)
- Definition
  - ENTRY -- Confusion Assessment Method (CAM)
    - CLUSTER -- Instruction: Assess the following factors
      - CLUSTER -- Acute Onset
        - ELEMENT -- Is there evidence of an acute change in mental status from the patient's baseline?
      - CLUSTER -- Inattention
        - ELEMENT -- Did the patient have difficulty focusing attention (for example, being distractible or having difficulty keeping track of what was being said)?
        - ELEMENT -- Did this behaviour fluctuate during the interview (that is, tend to come and go or increase and decrease in severity)?
        - ELEMENT -- Please describe this behaviour
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        - ELEMENT -- Was the patient's thinking disorganized or incoherent, such as rambling or irrelevant conversation, unclear or illogical flow of ideas, or unpredictable, switching from subject to subject?
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        - ELEMENT -- Overall, how would you rate this patient's level of consciousness?
      - CLUSTER -- Disorientation
        - ELEMENT -- Was the patient disoriented at any time during the interview, such as thinking that he or she was somewhere other than the hospital, using the wrong bed, or misjudging the time of day?
      - CLUSTER -- Memory Impairment
        - ELEMENT -- Did the patient demonstrate any memory problems during the interview, such as inability to remember events in the hospital or difficulty remembering instructions?
      - CLUSTER -- Perceptual Disturbance
        - ELEMENT -- Did the patient have any evidence of perceptual disturbances, such as hallucinations, illusions, or misinterpretations (for example, thinking something was moving when it was not)?
      - CLUSTER -- Psychomotor Agitation
        - ELEMENT -- At any time during the interview, did the patient have an unusually increased level of motor activity, such as restlessness, picking at bedclothes, tapping fingers, or making frequent, sudden changes in position?
      - CLUSTER -- Psychomotor Retardation
        - ELEMENT -- At any time during the interview, did the patient have an unusually decreased level of motor activity, such as sluggishness, staring into space, staying in one position for a long time, or moving very slowly?
      - CLUSTER -- Altered Sleep-Wake Cycle
        - ELEMENT -- Did the patient have evidence of disturbance of the sleep-wake cycle, such as excessive daytime sleepiness with insomnia at night?
      - CLUSTER -- Scoring
        - ELEMENT -- System generated comment
- Ontology
- Presentation