**BRIEF INTERVIEW FOR MENTAL STATUS (BIMS)**

**DIRECTIONS:** Attempt to interview all residents. Interview the resident using the guidance for BIMS interview found in Appendix D of the MDS 3.0 RAI User’s Manual. Conduct the interview in a private setting. Be sure the resident can hear you. Residents with hearing impairments should be interviewed using their usual communication device/technique.

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**Repetition of Three Words**

Ask resident: “I am going to say three words for you to remember. Please repeat the words after I have said all three. The words are: **sock, blue, and bed**. Now tell me the three words.”

**Number of words repeated after first attempt**

- 0. None
- 1. One
- 2. Two
- 3. Three

After the resident’s first attempt, repeat the words using cues (“**sock, something to wear; blue, a color; bed, a piece of furniture**”). You may repeat the words two more times.

**Temporal Orientation** (orientation to year, month, and day)

- **A. Able to report correct year**
  - 0. Missed by > 5 years or no answer
  - 1. Missed by 2-5 years
  - 2. Missed by 1 year
  - 3. Correct

- **B. Able to report correct month**
  - 0. Missed by > 1 month or no answer
  - 1. Missed by 6 days to 1 month
  - 2. Accurate within 5 days

- **C. Able to report correct day of the week**
  - 0. Incorrect or no answer
  - 1. Correct

**Recall**

Ask resident: “Let’s go back to an earlier question. What were those three words that I asked you to repeat?”. If unable to remember a word, give cue (something to wear; a color; a piece of furniture) for that word.

- **A. Able to recall “sock”**
  - 0. No - could not recall
  - 1. Yes, after cueing (“something to wear”)
  - 2. Yes, no cue required

- **B. Able to recall “blue”**
  - 0. No - could not recall
  - 1. Yes, after cueing (“a color”)
  - 2. Yes, no cue required

- **C. Able to recall “bed”**
  - 0. No - could not recall
  - 1. Yes, after cueing (“a piece of furniture”)
  - 2. Yes, no cue required

**BIMS SUMMARY SCORE**

Add scores for above questions and fill in total score (00-15). Record 99 if the resident was unable to complete the interview then complete the Staff Assessment for Mental Status on page 2.

**SIGNATURE/TITLE**

Signature/Title: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________
BRIEF INTERVIEW FOR MENTAL STATUS (BIMS) - STAFF ASSESSMENT

Should the Staff Assessment for Mental Status be Conducted?
☐ No - resident was able to complete the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) on page 1.
☐ Yes - resident was unable to complete the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) on page 1. Proceed with Staff Assessment.

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Short-Term Memory

Seems or appears to recall after 5 minutes
0. Memory OK
1. Memory problem

Long-Term Memory

Seems or appears to recall long past
0. Memory OK
1. Memory problem

Memory/Recall Ability

Identify all that the resident was normally able to recall
A. Current season
B. Location of own room
C. Staff names and faces
D. That they are in a nursing home/hospital swing bed
Z. None of the above were recalled

Cognitive Skills for Daily Decision Making

Made decisions regarding tasks of daily life
0. Independent - decisions consistent/reasonable
1. Modified independence - some difficulty in new situations only
2. Moderately impaired - decisions poor, cues/supervision required
3. Severely impaired - never/rarely made decisions

COMMENTS/NOTES

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Signature/Title: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

NAME–Last First Middle Attending Physician Record No. Room/Bed

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