

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.

BIMS INTERVIEW		1	2	3	4
Assessment Reference Date (ARD)					
Resident Interview Date					
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)					
Ask resident: "Please tell me what year it is right now." 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					
Ask resident: "What month are we in right now?" 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					
Ask resident: "What day of the week is today?" 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.			
ASSMT	SIGNATURE/TITLE	ASSMT	SIGNATURE/TITLE		
1		3			
2		4			

NAME-Last

First

Middle

Attending Physician

Record No.

Room/Bed

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 front.
☐ **Yes** - resident was unable to complete the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) on front. Proceed with Staff Assessment.

MENTAL STATUS ASSESSMENT

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Staff Assessment Date

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**

- ☐ A
☐ B
☐ C
☐ D
☐ Z

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☐ D
☐ Z

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