

C0700-C1000: Staff Assessment of Mental Status Item

Staff Assessment for Mental Status

Do not conduct if Brief Interview for Mental Status (C0200-C0500) was completed

C0700. Short-term Memory OK

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

C0800. Long-term Memory OK

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

C0900. Memory/Recall Ability

↓ Check 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

C1000. Cognitive Skills for Daily Decision Making

Enter Code ☐ 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

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Item Rationale

Health-related Quality of Life

Cognitive impairment is prevalent among some groups of residents, but not all residents are cognitively impaired.

Many persons with memory problems can function successfully in a structured, routine environment.

Residents may appear to be cognitively impaired because of communication challenges or lack of interaction but may be cognitively intact.

When cognitive impairment is incorrectly diagnosed or missed, appropriate communication, worthwhile activities, and therapies may not be offered.

Planning for Care

Abrupt changes in cognitive status (as indicative of a delirium) often signal an underlying potentially life-threatening illness and a change in cognition may be the only indication of an underlying problem.

The level and specific areas of impairment affect daily function and care needs. By identifying specific aspects of cognitive impairment, nursing interventions can be directed toward facilitating greater function.

Probing beyond first, perhaps mistaken, impressions is critical to accurate assessment and appropriate care planning.