

**Section C****Cognitive Patterns****C0100. Should Brief Interview for Mental Status (C0200-C0500) be Conducted?**

Attempt to conduct interview with all residents

Enter Code

0. **No** (resident is rarely/never understood) → Skip to and complete C0700-C1000, Staff Assessment for Mental Status  
 1. **Yes** → Continue to C0200, Repetition of Three Words

**Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS)****C0200. Repetition of Three Words**

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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 up to two more times.

**C0300. Temporal Orientation** (orientation to year, month, and day)

Enter Code

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**

Enter Code

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**

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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**

**C0400. Recall**

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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**

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**B. Able to recall "blue"**

0. **No** - could not recall  
 1. **Yes, after cueing** ("a color")  
 2. **Yes, no cue required**

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**C. Able to recall "bed"**

0. **No** - could not recall  
 1. **Yes, after cueing** ("a piece of furniture")  
 2. **Yes, no cue required**

**C0500. Summary Score**

Enter Score

**Add scores** for questions C0200-C0400 and fill in total score (00-15)

**Enter 99 if the resident was unable to complete the interview**

