

Resident Name _____ Identification # _____ Date _____

Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS)

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 up to two more times.

Temporal Orientation (orientation to month, year and day)

Ask resident: "Please tell me what year it is right now."

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?"

Able to report correct month

0. Missed by > 1 month, or no answer
 1. Missed by 6 days to one month
 2. Accurate within 5 days

Ask resident: "What day of the week is today?"

Able to report correct day of the week

0. Incorrect, or no answer
 1. Correct

Recall

Ask resident: "Let's go back to the earlier question. What were the 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.

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| Able to recall "sock" | <input type="checkbox"/> 0. No - could not recall | <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Yes, after cueing ("something to wear") | <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Yes, no cue required |
| Able to recall "blue" | <input type="checkbox"/> 0. No - could not recall | <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Yes, after cueing ("a color") | <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Yes, no cue required |
| Able to recall "bed" | <input type="checkbox"/> 0. No - could not recall | <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Yes, after cueing ("a piece of furniture") | <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Yes, no cue required |

Summary Score

Add scores for each question and fill in total score (00-15).
Enter 99 if the resident was unable to complete the interview. _____