

PreSchool CAM-ICU (psCAM-ICU): DELIRIUM = Presence of FEATURES 1 + 2 + either 3 or 4

FEATURE 1: Acute Change or Fluctuating Course of Mental Status

1. Is there an **acute change** from mental status baseline? (Y or N)
 2. Has the patient's mental status **fluctuated** during the past 24 hours? (Y or N)
- If "YES" to EITHER question then **Feature 1 is PRESENT** → move on to **FEATURE 2**

NO

**STOP
DELIRIUM
ABSENT**

YES

FEATURE 2: Inattention

Show each picture to the patient, slowly move it in front of their face to one side while verbally prompting them to look at the picture, then switch to the next picture and repeat to other side. (10 pictures)

1. Did the patient make **3 or MORE ERRORS**? (Error = does not look at cards, even when eyes open)
2. Did the patient have **difficulty** keeping their **eyes open** during **MOST** of your picture assessment?
(A patient should maintain eye opening for at least half of the assessment period. Even if they attend to 8 or more pictures, they are considered inattentive if they continually require your voice to stimulate eye opening.)

NO

**STOP
DELIRIUM
ABSENT**

→ If "YES" to EITHER question then **Feature 2 is PRESENT** → move on to **FEATURE 3**

YES

FEATURE 3: Altered Level of Consciousness (LOC)

1. Does the patient currently have an **altered LOC**? (i.e. not alert and calm)
- If "YES" then **STOP → DELIRIUM PRESENT**
- If "NO" then **Feature 3 is NOT present** → move on to **FEATURE 4**

YES

**DELIRIUM
PRESENT**

NO

FEATURE 4: Disorganized Brain

1. Does the patient have a **sleep-wake cycle disturbance**? (Presence of any ONE of the following)
Patient sleeps mostly during the day. Patient has difficulty getting to sleep.
Patient does not awaken easily to stimulation. Patient sleeps only a little at night.

YES

**DELIRIUM
ABSENT**

NO

→ If "YES" then → **DELIRIUM PRESENT**