**Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS)**

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**Repetition of Three Words**

Ask the 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

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

Ask the 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

B. Ask the resident: "What month are we in right now."

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

C. As the resident: "What day of the week is today?"

0. Incorrect or no answer
1. Correct

**Recall**

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

**Summary Score**

Add scores for above questions and fill in total score (00-15)

Enter 99 if unable to complete one or more questions of the interview

Signature/Title of person completing summary ____________________________ Date ____________________

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