

OASIS ITEM:
<p>(M0400) Hearing and Ability to Understand Spoken Language in patient's own language (with hearing aids if the patient usually uses them):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No observable impairment. Able to hear and understand complex or detailed instructions and extended or abstract conversation. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - With minimal difficulty, able to hear and understand most multi-step instructions and ordinary conversation. May need occasional repetition, extra time, or louder voice. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Has moderate difficulty hearing and understanding simple, one-step instructions and brief conversation; needs frequent prompting or assistance. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Has severe difficulty hearing and understanding simple greetings and short comments. Requires multiple repetitions, restatements, demonstrations, and additional time. <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - <u>Unable</u> to hear and understand familiar words or common expressions consistently, <u>or</u> patient nonresponsive.
DEFINITION:
<p>Identifies the patient's ability to hear and to understand spoken language, in the patient's primary language. Hearing is evaluated with the patient wearing aids if he/she usually uses them.</p>
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:
<p>Start of care Resumption of care</p>
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Nonresponsive" means that the patient is not able to respond.
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:
<p>Interaction with the patient during the assessment process provides information to answer this item. Be alert to what is required to adequately communicate with the patient. If he/she uses a hearing appliance, be sure that it is in place, has a battery, and is turned on.</p> <p>A patient whose primary language differs from the clinician's requires additional evaluation. Can a family member or friend interpret? Does the agency provide an interpreter? Is another clinician (who speaks the patient's primary language) available? If an interpreter provides assistance, visit clinical documentation should note the assistance of this individual.</p>