

OASIS ITEM:
<p>(M0410) Speech and Oral (Verbal) Expression of Language (in patient's own language):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - Expresses complex ideas, feelings, and needs clearly, completely, and easily in all situations with no observable impairment. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Minimal difficulty in expressing ideas and needs (may take extra time; makes occasional errors in word choice, grammar or speech intelligibility; needs minimal prompting or assistance). <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Expresses simple ideas or needs with moderate difficulty (needs prompting or assistance, errors in word choice, organization or speech intelligibility). Speaks in phrases or short sentences. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Has severe difficulty expressing basic ideas or needs and requires maximal assistance or guessing by listener. Speech limited to single words or short phrases. <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - <u>Unable</u> to express basic needs even with maximal prompting or assistance but is not comatose or unresponsive (e.g., speech is nonsensical or unintelligible). <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - Patient nonresponsive or unable to speak.
DEFINITION:
<p>Identifies the patient's ability to communicate verbally (by mouth) in the patient's primary language. The item does not address communicating in sign language, in writing, or by any nonverbal means. Augmented speech (e.g., a trained esophageal speaker, use of an electrolarynx) is considered verbal expression of language.</p>
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:
<p>Start of care Resumption of care Discharge from agency – not to an inpatient facility</p>
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Nonresponsive” means that the patient is not able to respond. • Presence of a tracheostomy requires further evaluation of the patient's ability to speak. Can the trach be covered to allow speech? If so, to what extent can the patient express him/herself?
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:
<p>Interaction with the patient during the assessment process provides information to answer this item. Patient responses to interview questions are evaluated to determine speaking ability.</p>