

OASIS ITEM:
<p>(M0560) Cognitive Functioning: (Patient's current level of alertness, orientation, comprehension, concentration, and immediate memory for simple commands.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - Alert/oriented, able to focus and shift attention, comprehends and recalls task directions independently. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Requires prompting (cueing, repetition, reminders) only under stressful or unfamiliar conditions. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Requires assistance and some direction in specific situations (e.g., on all tasks involving shifting of attention), or consistently requires low stimulus environment due to distractibility. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Requires considerable assistance in routine situations. Is not alert and oriented or is unable to shift attention and recall directions more than half the time. <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Totally dependent due to disturbances such as constant disorientation, coma, persistent vegetative state, or delirium.
DEFINITION:
Identifies the patient's current level of cognitive functioning, including alertness, orientation, comprehension, concentration, and immediate memory for simple commands.
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:
Start of care Resumption of care Discharge from agency - not to inpatient facility
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refers to patient's usual level of functioning. • Level of cognitive impairment increases as you move down the list of responses.
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:
The patient's description of current illness, past health history, and ability to perform ADLs and IADLs allows the clinician to assess cognitive functioning through observation. If the patient is having trouble remembering questions, ask if this is common or because a stranger is asking a lot of questions. Does the patient have trouble remembering friends and/or relatives' names? Does the patient forget to eat or bathe, or get disoriented when walking or traveling (in a car) around the neighborhood or city? If there is a caregiver in the home, gather information from that person also.