

# Assessing for delirium

## Identifying and definitional attributes

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**Description:** A patient with cognitive impairment on presentation to hospital, or who has an acute change in behaviour or cognitive function during a hospital stay, is promptly assessed for delirium by a clinician trained and competent in delirium diagnosis and the use of a validated diagnostic tool. The patient and their carer, family member or other informant are asked about any recent changes in the patient's behaviour or thinking. The patient's diagnosis is discussed with them and is documented.

## Relational attributes

**Indicator sets linked to this outcome area:** [Clinical care standard indicators: deliriumHealth](#), Standard 12/09/2016

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- [Delirium clinical care standard indicators: 2a-Evidence of training sessions undertaken by staff in the use of a validated diagnostic tool for deliriumHealth](#), Standard 12/09/2016
- [Delirium clinical care standard indicators: 2b-Proportion of patients who screen positive for cognitive impairment at admission who are assessed for delirium using a validated diagnostic toolHealth](#), Standard 12/09/2016
- [Delirium clinical care standard indicators: 2c-Rate of delirium among acute admitted patientsHealth](#), Standard 12/09/2016
- [Delirium clinical care standard indicators: 2d-Rate of delirium among acute admitted patients with onset during the hospital stayHealth](#), Standard 12/09/2016

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

**Reference documents:** ACSQHC (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care) 2015. Delirium clinical care standard. Sydney: ACSQHC.

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