# Delirium clinical care standard indicators: 5b-Proportion of patients with delirium assessed for risk



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# Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Indicator Indicator type: Indicator

**Short name:** Indicator 5b-Proportion of patients with delirium assessed for risk of falls and

pressure injuries

**METEOR identifier:** 628106

**Registration status:** Health, Standard 12/09/2016

**Description:** Proportion of patients with **delirium** assessed for risk of falls and pressure injuries.

Rationale: Patients with delirium are at greater risk of adverse events, including falls (Travers

et al. 2013; Inouye et al. 2014; Maher & Almeida 2002) and pressure injuries

(Inouye et al. 2014; Maher & Almeida 2002).

Indicator set: Clinical care standard indicators: delirium

Health, Standard 12/09/2016

Outcome area: Preventing falls and pressure injuries

Health, Standard 12/09/2016

### Collection and usage attributes

**Computation description:** For the numerator, assessment of patients with delirium for the risk of falls and

pressure injuries should be systematic, based on a local assessment tool, and

documented in the patient's medical record.

Unless explicitly stated in the indicator, all patients with delirium are included in both the numerator and the denominator, not only those where <u>Hospital service—care</u>

type, code N[N] = 1 Acute care.

Presented as a percentage.

**Computation:** (Numerator ÷ denominator) x 100

**Numerator:** Number of patients with delirium assessed for risk of falls and pressure injuries.

**Denominator:** Number of patients with delirium.

Comments: This indicator has been sourced from the Key principles for care of confused

hospitalised older persons (ACI 2014).

## Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real
Unit of measure: Person
Format: N[NN]

#### Source and reference attributes

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

#### Reference documents:

ACI (Agency for Clinical Innovation) 2014. Key Principles for care of confused hospitalised older persons. Sydney: ACI.

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Travers C, Byrne G, Pachana N, Klein K & Gray L 2013. Delirium in Australian hospitals: a prospective study. Current Gerontology and Geriatrics Research 2013:284780.