

DIDAS – Delirium in Dementia Assessment Scale

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Client:			Date:			Observer:		
Score symptoms 1 to 10 in first column, during the shift (night: black; day: white; evening: grey), on the same row according to the description that fits best, or indicate that none of the descriptions is applicable (NA - in the last column), only if neither of the descriptions is applicable at all.								NA
1. Consciousness	Day/evening	0 0	Day/evening: mostly normally awake and normally alert	1 1	Day/evening: sometimes remarkably absent-minded, sleepy	2 2	Day/evening: sometimes difficult to awake	
	Night	0	Night: mostly sleeping normally	1	Night: sometimes remarkably awake	2	Night: almost all night awake	
2. Attention	0 0 0	Able to concentrate on activity or conversation	1 1 1	Easily distracted	2 2 2	Not able to sustain or shift attention at all		
3. Apathy	0 0 0	Initiates activities (e.g. drinking/walking)	1 1 1	Activity only after stimulation (e.g. drinking/walking) or reacts only after stimulation	2 2 2	Does not do anything		
4. Motor behavior	0 0 0	Normal pattern of movements for client (taking into account comorbidity or medication (e.g. parkinsonism))	1 1 1	Few spontaneous movements or slightly increased movements (e.g. 'fidgety')	2 2 2	No spontaneous movements or continuous movements (e.g. 'fidgety')		
5. Fluctuations	0 0 0	No apparent fluctuations with respect to attention, behavior, emotions, delusions or hallucinations	1 1 1	Some fluctuations in occurrence of symptoms	2 2 2	SDistinct fluctuations in occurrence of symptoms		
6. Anxiety	0 0 0	No anxiety	1 1 1	Somewhat anxious, no extreme anxiety (e.g. 'anxious look')	2 2 2	Extreme anxiety (e.g. perspiration)		
7. Delusions	0 0 0	No delusions	1 1 1	Sometimes lightly suspicious or unreal ideas that can be corrected	2 2 2	Extremely suspicious or convinced of abnormal thought content		
8. Hallucinations (or: illusions)	0 0 0	No hallucinations or illusions	1 1 1	Sometimes abnormal perceptions	2 2 2	Continuous abnormal perceptions , not open to correction		
9. Affect	0 0 0	Normal affect (taking into account pre-existing characteristics)	1 1 1	Lightly changing affect , sometimes with some anger or some sadness	2 2 2	Distinctly changing affect , sometimes with extreme anger or deep sadness		
10. Behavior	0 0 0	No distinct behavioral characteristics	1 1 1	Sometimes inadequate behavior (e.g. undressing, pulling catheter, removing bandage, moving furniture, etc.)	2 2 2	Frequent inadequate behavior (e.g. undressing, pulling catheter, removing bandage, moving furniture, etc.)		

