

Instrument	Single Question in Delirium NOTE: This card is populated with information from the instrument's original validation study only.
Acronym	SQID
Primary use	Delirium Screening
Area assessed (Number of questions)	Single question: "Do you feel that [patient's name] has been more confused lately?"
Description	A tool for early recognition of delirium to be asked of patient's friends or relatives. SQID was designed as a single item tool to be incorporated into the routine medical history obtained by clinical staff. Since SQID can be assessed regularly, clinical staff can monitor potential changes in condition, and use a more comprehensive delirium assessment for confirmation as appropriate.
Versions	1
Scoring information	Single item is rated positive or negative; scores can be monitored over the course of several days
Cognitive testing	None included or necessary
Estimated time to rate	<1 min
Require trained rater	Yes, clinicians or lay raters
Administer to	Patient's relative or friend
How to obtain	Additional information available: https://doi.org/10.1177/0269216310371556 (Note: article may be behind paywall)
Licensing Fee*	None
Languages available	English
Highest COSMIN** rating	In progress
Test Performance Characteristics	<p>Sands 2010; reference standard = psychiatric interview and clinical diagnosis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sensitivity (compared to psychiatric interview 0.80 [95% CI 0.28-0.99], Confusion Assessment Method [CAM] 0.67 [0.94-0.92], Mini-Mental State Examination [MMSE] 0.50 [0.13-0.99]) •Specificity (compared to psychiatric interview 0.71 [95% CI 0.42-0.92], CAM 0.67 [0.38-0.88], MDAS 0.64 [0.35-0.87], MMSE 0.59 [0.33-0.82]) •Positive predictive value (compared to psychiatric interview 0.50 [95% CI 0.16-0.84], CAM 0.29 [0.04-0.71], MMSE 0.13 [0.00-0.53]) •Negative predictive value (compared to psychiatric interview 0.91 [95% CI 0.59-1.00], CAM 0.91 [0.59-1.00], MDAS 0.90 [0.56-1.00], MMSE 0.91 [0.59-1.00]) •Agreement with psychiatric interview kappa=0.43 (p=0.023)

* Fees and licensing information is effective as of 2018, but is subject to change over time

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