Confusion Assessment Method for the ICU (CAM-ICU) Flowsheet

1. Acute Change or Fluctuating Course of Mental Status:
   - Is there an acute change from mental status baseline?  OR
   - Has the patient’s mental status fluctuated during the past 24 hours?

   **NO** → CAM-ICU negative
   **YES** → 2. Inattention:

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   - “Squeeze my hand when I say the letter ‘A’.”
     Read the following sequence of letters:
     S A V E A H A A R T or C A S A B L A N C A or A B A D B A D A A Y
     ERRORS: No squeeze with ‘A’ & Squeeze on letter other than ‘A’
   - If unable to complete Letters → Pictures

   **0 - 2 Errors** → CAM-ICU negative
   **> 2 Errors** → > 2 Errors

3. Altered Level of Consciousness
   **Current RASS level**
   - RASS = zero

   **RASS other than zero** → CAM-ICU positive
   **RASS = zero** → 4. Disorganized Thinking:

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   1. Will a stone float on water?
   2. Are there fish in the sea?
   3. Does one pound weigh more than two?
   4. Can you use a hammer to pound a nail?

   **Command:** “Hold up this many fingers” (Hold up 2 fingers)
   “Now do the same thing with the other hand” (Do not demonstrate)
   OR “Add one more finger” (If patient unable to move both arms)

   **> 1 Error** → CAM-ICU positive
   **0 - 1 Error** → CAM-ICU negative

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