Brief Confusion Assessment Method (bCAM) Flow Sheet

Feature 1 - Altered Mental Status or Fluctuating Course
- No → bCAM Negative No Delirium
- Yes → Feature 2 - Inattention

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- “Can you name the months backwards from December to July?”
- 0 or 1 errors → bCAM Negative No Delirium
- > 1 errors → Feature 3 - Altered Level of Consciousness

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- Richmond Agitation Sedation Scale
- No → bCAM Negative No Delirium
- Yes → Feature 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 pounds?
- 4) Can you use a hammer to pound a nail?
- Command: “Hold up this many fingers” (Hold up two fingers). “Now do the same thing with the other hand” (Do not demonstrate).
- No Errors → bCAM Negative No Delirium
- Any Errors → DELIRIUM PRESENT

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