Pediatric CAM-ICU (pCAM-ICU): DELIRIUM = Presence of FEATURES 1 + 2 + either 3 or 4

**FEATURE 1: Acute Change or Fluctuating Course of Mental Status**
1. Is there an acute change from mental status baseline? (Y or N)
2. Has the patient’s mental status fluctuated during the past 24 hours? (Y or N)
   ➔ If “YES” to EITHER question then Feature 1 is PRESENT ➔ move on to **FEATURE 2**

**FEATURE 2: Inattention**
Say: “Squeeze my hand when I say ‘A’. Let’s practice: A, B. Squeeze only on A.”
Read this letter sequence: A B A D B A D A A Y
   ➔ Did the patient make 3 or MORE ERRORS? (Error = No squeeze with ‘A’ or Squeeze with other letters)
   ➔ If “YES” then Feature 2 is PRESENT ➔ move on to **FEATURE 3**

**FEATURE 3: Altered Level of Consciousness (LOC)**
   ➔ Does the patient currently have an altered LOC? (i.e. not alert and calm)
   ➔ If “YES” then STOP ➔ DELIRIUM PRESENT
   ➔ If “NO” then Feature 3 is NOT present ➔ move on to **FEATURE 4**

**FEATURE 4: Disorganized Thinking**
Say: “I am going to ask you some questions.” (Tell patient to answer yes/no by voice, head nod, etc.)
Questions: 1. Is sugar sweet? Alternate questions: - Is a rock hard?
   2. Is ice cream hot? - Do rabbits fly?
   3. Do birds fly? - Is ice cream cold?
   4. Is an ant bigger than an elephant? - Is a giraffe smaller than a mouse?
Command: 5. Two-step command: Say, “Hold up this many fingers.” Demonstrate by holding up 2 fingers.
   ➔ Did the patient make 2 or MORE ERRORS? (Error = Answer question incorrectly, doesn’t follow command, etc.)
   ➔ If “YES” then ➔ DELIRIUM PRESENT