

Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS)

Repetition of Three Words

Ask resident: *"I am going to say three words for you to remember. Please repeat the words after I have said all three. The words are: **sock, blue and bed.** Now tell me the three words."*

Number of words repeated after first attempt:

0. None

1. One

2. Two

3. Three

After the resident's first attempt, repeat the words using cues (*"sock, something to wear; blue, a color; bed, a piece of furniture"*). You may repeat the words up to two more times.

Temporal Orientation (orientation to month, year and day)

Ask resident: *"Please tell me what year it is right now."*

Able to report correct year

- 0. Missed by > 5 years, or no answer**
- 1. Missed by 2-5 years**
- 2. Missed by 1 year**
- 3. Correct**

Ask resident: *"What month are we in right now?"*

Able to report correct month

- 0. Missed by > 1 month, or no answer**
- 1. Missed by 6 days to one month**
- 2. Accurate within 5 days**

Ask resident: *"What day of the week is today?"*

Able to report correct day of the week

- 0. Incorrect, or no answer**
- 1. Correct**

Recall

Ask resident: *"Let's go back to the earlier question. What were the three words that I asked you to repeat?"*
 If unable to remember a word, give cue (*"something to wear," "a color," "a piece of furniture"*) for that word.

Able to recall "sock"	0. No - could not recall	1. Yes, after cueing ("something to wear")	2. Yes, no cue required
Able to recall "blue"	0. No - could not recall	1. Yes, after cueing ("a color")	2. Yes, no cue required
Able to recall "bed"	0. No - could not recall	1. Yes, after cueing ("a piece of furniture")	2. Yes, no cue required

Summary Score

Add scores for each question and fill in total score (00-15).

Enter 99 if the resident was unable to complete the interview. _____