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Acute Change or Fluctuating Course

Ask Yourself:  
Is there evidence of an acute change in mental status from the patient's baseline?

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Mr. Buchner has delirium according to the CAM criteria:

1) Acute Onset YES  
-AND-  
(2) Inattention YES  
-AND EITHER-  
(3) Disorganized thinking YES  
-OR-  
(4) Altered level of consciousness YES

Mr. Buchner improved steadily once his fecal impaction was treated and his urinary retention resolved. His mental status returned to baseline dementia in less than two months. His agitation improved after he resumed his nursing home routines.

**H & P (3 of 3)**

• Physical Examination  
-SP 148/80, HR 104, RR 16, T 99.5  
-Mid dehydration, no JVD distention  
-Normal heart sounds  
-No crackles  
-No pedal edema  
-Abdomen soft, tender to deep palpation, mildly distended, palpable urinary bladder, no CVA tenderness  
-Rectal examination: hard stools in the rectum  
-No focal neurological deficits  
-Unable to stay in a sitting position, apparently because of weakness.

**Progress Notes (1 of 8)**

Physician's Notes:  
Hospital Day # 1

Mrs. Buchner is a 91 year old man with dementia and chronic renal failure, admitted from the nursing home this morning with fecal impaction and overflow urinary incontinence. Earlier today, Mr. Buchner's nurse found him lethargic, which is not his usual state. I informed the guardian about the hospitalization.

His MMSE score about a month was 14/30. This morning he would not answer any question.

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Click on a person to get more information:

Mr. Buchner Doctor Nurse Private Duty Aid

**CAM Checklist**

	Yes	No
Acute Onset or Fluctuating Course	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inattention	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disorganized Thinking	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Altered Level of Consciousness	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does the patient have Delirium?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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