

Evidence Snapshot

Comparison of Table of the Abbreviated Mental Test Score and the 4AT Rapid Assessment for Delirium: An Evidence Snapshot

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Question

What are the features of the Abbreviated Mental Test Score and the 4AT Rapid Assessment for Delirium.

Summary of findings

Below is a comparison table of some of the features that may be important when making a decision around which tool to use.

Tool	Purpose	Number of questions	Time to administer	Training required?	Outcome measures	Validated	Research on implementation?	Citations	Year published	Country
AMTS	Mental impairment of the elderly (mainly dementia)	10	5 minutes	No	Not specifically identified	Yes	Nil	1199	1972	UK
4AT	Delirium and cognitive function (including dementia)	4	<2 minutes	No	Alertness Orientation Attention Acute change/fluctuation	Yes	Nil	33(?)	2011	UK

References

1. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/4669880>
2. <http://www.the4at.com/new-page-4>