

Administration of the BIMS in Writing

Instructions

When staff identify that the resident's primary method of communication is in written format, the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) and Category Cues can be administered in writing. **The administration of the BIMS in writing should be limited only to this circumstance.**

This series of cue cards includes all written text needed to administer the BIMS in writing. Refer to the complete guidance, "*Instructions for BIMS When Administered in Writing*" found in the MDS RAI User's Manual.



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INTRODUCTION CARD FOR C0200–C0400

- I would like to ask you some questions, which I will show you in a moment.
- We ask everyone these same questions.
- This will help us provide you with better care.
- Some of the questions may seem very easy, while others may be more difficult.
- We ask these questions so that we can make sure that our care will meet your needs.



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C0200. REPETITION OF THREE WORDS

- I have written 3 words for you to remember.
- Please read them.
- Then I will remove the card and ask you to repeat or write down the words as you remember them.



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C0200. REPETITION OF THREE WORDS

SOCK

BLUE

BED



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C0200. REPETITION OF THREE WORDS

SOCK, something to wear.

BLUE, a color.

BED, a piece of furniture.



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C0300A. TEMPORAL ORIENTATION – YEAR

**Please tell me what
year it is right now.**



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C0300B. TEMPORAL ORIENTATION – MONTH

**What month are
we in right now?**



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C0300C. TEMPORAL ORIENTATION – DAY

**What day of the
week is today?**



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C0400. RECALL

- Let's go back to an earlier question.
- What were those three words that I asked you to repeat?



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C0400A – CATEGORY CUE CARD

Something to wear.



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C0400B – CATEGORY CUE CARD

A color.



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C0400C – CATEGORY CUE CARD

A piece of furniture.

