1. Acute change or fluctuating course of mental status
   Is there an acute change from mental status baseline?  
   or  
   Has the patient’s mental status fluctuated during the past 24 hours?

2. Inattention
   
   "Squeeze my hand when I say the letter ‘A’.”
   Read one of the following sequences of letters:
   
   SAVEAHAART or CASABLANCA or AABDADAAY
   
   ERRORS: No squeeze with ‘A' or squeeze on letter other than ‘A’
   If unable to complete letters use pictures

3. Altered level of consciousness
   Current RASS level
   
   RASS = 0  
   RASS other than 0

4. Disorganized thinking
   1. Will a stone float on water?  
   2. Are there fish in the sea?  
   3. Does one pound weigh more than two?  
   4. Can you use a hammer to pound a nail?  
   5. “Hold up this many fingers” (Hold up 2 fingers)
      "Now do the same thing with the other hand" (Do not demonstrate)
      *If patient unable to move both arms, instead use “Add one more finger”

   0-1 Error  
   > 1 Error

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