

IDENTIFYING DELIRIUM

ABCs of Identification

Delirium is one possible symptom of a urinary tract infection (UTI), but may be due to many other causes than infection.

Acute/subacute

- Altered mental status from baseline

Behavioral disturbance

- Restless, agitated, combative

Changes in consciousness

- Jittery, drowsy, difficult to arouse

Consider Causes of Delirium

- Sleep deprivation
- Dehydration
- Medications
- Pain
- Immobility

Common Symptoms

- Drowsiness or agitation
- Refusing therapy/meals
- Refusing medications
- Arguing with staff or family members
- Hallucinating
- Wandering off