

## DIGIT SPAN TEST

1. Gain the patient's attention, eliminate extraneous noise.
2. Instruct the patient, "I am going to ask you to repeat some numbers after me. First I will say them, then you say them "(e.g., "If I say '3, 8', you would say \_\_\_\_?").
3. Once patient appears to understand the instructions, begin by asking him to repeat three random single numbers, spoken in a monotone at one-second intervals (e.g., 3, 8, 2).
4. Repeat the task by increasing the repetition from three to four, then five random numbers.

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[Patients with delirium are usually unable to repeat 5 random numbers correctly]

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