How to Use the *Try This* Series for Assessing Delirium and Dementia

**Change in Mental Status or Other Behaviors That Would Trigger Assessment**

- Agitation or lethargy
- Fluctuating or altered LOC
- Memory impairment or disorganized thinking
- Wandering
- Uncooperativeness or failure to follow instructions
- Change in behavior or function
- Inattentiveness
- Stupor

**Assess for delirium**

- CAM + facility’s mental status evaluation

**Possible delirium with dementia**

- Use the Delirium Superimposed on Dementia Algorithm

**Possible delirium without dementia**

- Contact primary care provider to investigate the cause of behavior change

**Probably not delirium**

**Assess for dementia using the Mini-Cog or Recognition of Dementia in Hospitalized Older Adults**

-Probably not dementia
- Possible dementia

- Further assess patients using *Try This* best practices for dementia series

LOC = level of consciousness; CAM = Confusion Assessment Method
Note: bold text indicates instrument is part of the *Try This* series.