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SYMPTOM COMMUNICATION DURING CRITICAL ILLNESS: THE IMPACT OF AGE, DELIRIUM, AND DELIRIUM PRESENTATION

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Abstract

Communication of symptoms is integral to quality patient care in any setting. However, communication between patients and nurses in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) is complicated by oral or endotracheal intubation and fluctuating neurocognitive status or delirium. We report the 1) prevalence of delirium and delirium subtypes in a group of non-vocal, mechanically ventilated, critically ill patients; 2) impact of age on delirium presentation; and 3) influence of delirium and age on symptom communication over time. Interactions between mechanically ventilated, critically ill adults (N=89) and their nurses (N=30) were video recorded and analyzed for evidence of patient communication about symptoms at 4 time points across two consecutive days. Delirium was measured at study enrollment and immediately following video recording sessions for a total of 5 time points. Delirium prevalence on study enrollment was 23.6% and for observational time point was 28.7%. Participants aged 60 and older were more likely to be delirious on enrollment and during the videorecorded sessions. Older age (60 years) was associated with self-report of pain, drowsiness and cold. Delirium was associated with self-reported dry mouth.

Keywords

Older adults; critical illness; mechanical ventilation; communication; delirium; symptom management

Accurate symptom identification during critical illness is affected by patient communication difficulties in ICU¹. Symptom management, an essential component of quality patient care, begins with the assessment and identification of symptoms from the patient's perspective. Problems in symptom communication arise from structural obstacles to speech related to endotracheal intubation and mechanical ventilation. In addition, communication difficulties can develop as a result of cognitive changes that affect perception, attention or level of consciousness, which are all hallmark characteristics of delirium.

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Delirium , a condition that frequently accompanies episodes of critical illness, ^{2, 3}. represents a significant public health problem with profound impact on patient outcomes such as mortality⁴⁻⁷, length of hospital stay^{8, 9}, duration of mechanical ventilation ¹⁰, and increased hospital costs ^{8, 11}. Generally, delirium is reversible, however, persistent long-term cognitive dysfunction is associated with delirium in critical illness¹²⁻¹⁸. Older adults are at greater risk for developing delirium during acute and critical illness^{19, 20}. Delirium experienced by older adults is associated with increased mortality²¹, post-surgical complications ²², increased duration of mechanical ventilation and hospital length of stay²³, increased care requirements at discharge ²¹⁻²⁴, and decline in post-discharge physical function²².

Delirium is distinguished by symptoms of inattention with acute onset, fluctuating severity and changes in level of consciousness^{25, 26}. Delirium can be further examined by motoric subtype²⁰. Delirium presentation with increased motor movement is classified as hyperactive and delirium presentation with decreased motor movement is classified as hypoactive. Hypoactive delirium is most often misidentified because patients are quiet and less responsive^{27, 28}. When examined longitudinally, critically ill patients most often experience a mixed type of delirium²⁰ although older adults experience hypoactive delirium most often²⁰. Delirium may further compromise patients' ability to communicate their symptoms or symptom distress.

The effect of age and delirium on *patients*' ability to communicate their symptom experience has not been studied. Furthermore, the impact of delirium on day-to-day care in the ICU is unknown. This secondary analysis of the Study of Patient-Nurse Effectiveness with Assisted Communication Strategies (SPEACS) study data provided an opportunity to explore the role age and delirium have on symptom communication over a two-day period.

For this study, we posed the following research questions;

- 1. What is the prevalence of delirium and delirium subtypes in a sample of intubated ICU patients across 5 time-points?
- **2.** How does age impact delirium occurrence and/or presentation in this sample over time?
- **3.** Is there a difference in symptom identification and initiation of symptom discussion by patients in delirious states than when patients are not delirious?
- **4.** Is there a difference in frequency of symptoms identified and rate of initiation of symptom discussion between patients who are under age 60 and those age 60 and over?

METHODS

Design

We conducted a secondary analysis of data from a quasi-experimental sequential cohort clinical trial²⁹. The SPEACS trial measured the effect of a multi-level -intervention (nurse education, communication materials and specialist support) to improve communication

performance between critical care nurses and non-vocal ICU patients. SPEACS study design and preliminary results are detailed elsewhere ²⁹⁻³². The University of Pittsburgh Institutional Review Board approved this sub-study.

Setting and Participants

Briefly, we recruited 89 intubated critically ill adults from a 32-bed medical ICU (MICU) and a 22-bed cardiovascular ICU (CTICU). Patients with previous history of cognitive, speech, hearing or language impairment were excluded. Participants were over 21 years of age, able to understand English, scored 13 on the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS), nonspeaking due to endotracheal intubation and likely to remain intubated for at least 48 hours. ³³. We obtained informed consent from participants or their proxy.

After enrollment, participants were assigned to be cared for by a study nurse for two consecutive days. Nurse participants were employed with permanent assignment to one of the study ICUs, had at least one year critical care experience, and regularly worked two consecutive day shifts. Nurses were excluded from study participation if they had a diagnosed hearing or language problem. All study nurses provided informed consent. Since the focus of this study was on patients, all references to "participants" relate to patient participants.

Data collection

Measures

Patient Participant level variables: We collected participant information that related to communication performance and clinical demographics such as age, presence of delirium, and sedation status. We measured delirium using the Confusion Assessment Method – ICU (CAM-ICU) ^{25, 26}, and sedation level using Richmond Agitation and Sedation Scale (RASS) ³⁴. The CAM-ICU is a well-accepted and most frequently used measure of delirium in the ICU demonstrating high sensitivity and specificity when compared with criteria from the American Psychiatric Association. The CAM-ICU has high inter-rater reliability and predictive validity ^{25, 26}. Administration is simple and requires minimal time. The Richmond Agitation and Sedation Scale is a valid and reliable measure of depth and quality of sedation in the ICU patient. It has demonstrated high degree of inter-rater reliability and is highly correlated with physiologic measures of sedation level such as EEG and bi-spectral index (BIS)³⁴. We defined delirium subtypes as per Peterson, et al ²⁰, i.e., delirium is hypoactive when the corresponding RASS score is 0 or lower; delirium is hyperactive when corresponding RASS is 1 or greater.

All demographic data, (i.e., age in years, gender, race/ethnicity) were collected from the electronic medical record and entered on TELEform (Version 10, Cardiff, Inc., Vista, CA) that were optically scanned into an Oracle (version 10g, Oracle Corp., Redwood Shores, CA) database.

Identification of symptom communication: Trained coders reviewed each video-recording to determine symptom communication. To best quantify the participant's symptom communication, full video recorded sessions (range = 3 - 30 minutes, ~ 10 minutes on

average) were analyzed assuming that nurses had relatively equal opportunities to elicit symptoms from participants across all time points. Nurses' notes in the electronic medical record were reviewed for additional information about the participant's symptom communication.

Data were collected via the investigator-developed ICU Symptom Management Record (SMR), which is a modification of chart abstraction tools originally developed and tested for pain assessment and treatment with critically ill intubated participants³⁵. This modification expanded the tool to address other major symptoms experienced by intubated participants in the ICU and delineated participant self-report from nurse assessment and interpretation. The SMR includes the checklist of 15 symptoms from the C-MSAS which coders evaluated as present or absent in the video recorded dialogue between nurse and participant and in EMR nursing documentation.

To achieve consistency between raters, definitions were developed for each symptom from an extensive review of the literature. Definitions were refined during expert review and pilot testing. Additional symptoms, such as hot/cold, discomfort, frustrated, confused, scared, and an "other" category were added after preliminary use and pilot testing. The final SMR checklist contained 21 symptom categories and their descriptions. For the purposes of this study, when a symptom was identified as 'present', its identification was further explained by description of how the symptom was reported and by whom: (a) Participant self-report in video (e.g., Participant nods affirmatively when nurse asks if he is having pain), (b) Participant self-report documented in EMR (e.g., nursing notes read "patient complained of / nods 'yes' to/dyspnea"), and (c) Who (nurse or participant) initiated the symptom discussion.

Medical record abstraction was conducted to determine nurses' documentation of patient reports of symptom communication. Nurses noted participant communication about a symptom using phrases such as "patient states..."; "patient complains of..."; "patient treated for complaint of...". Nurse description s of treatments without a symptom label or phrases that were equivocal such as "patient appears ..." or "patient has ..." were excluded. Instances of participant initiated discussions or requests about symptoms were recorded from video evidence if participants summoned the nurse and communicated a symptom successfully to the nurse. Participant initiated discussions are important indicators of a higher level of participant communication ability and independence ³⁶.

Presence or absence of participant self-report of symptoms from either the video recorded sessions or from the nurses notes were recorded onto a TeleformTM and optically scanned into the database. Raters achieved > 80% agreement on the presence/ absence of symptoms and treatment. Kappa (κ) values for symptom identification ranged from .504 – 1.00, moderate to perfect agreement³⁷. Several symptoms (nausea, worry, shortness of breath- not weaning, difficulty sleeping, confused, discomfort) were not able to be evaluated due to low occurrence/ low variability in the interrater reliability sample. Most (n=8) had κ values above .74 indicating substantial agreement³⁷, 38.

Statistical analysis: All analyses were conducted using SAS (version 9.2, SAS Institute, Inc. Cary, NC) and EXCEL 2007 (Microsoft Corp., Redmond, WA). The level of significance was set at .05 for two-sided hypothesis testing. Age was dichotomized into two categories (<60 and 60 years). Participant self-reported symptoms were dichotomized (present or absent from either video or EMR source). Descriptive statistics (frequencies and percentages) were computed to summarize categorical variables (e.g., gender, age, CAM-ICU, delirium motoric subtypes, symptoms and participant initiation of symptom communication). Categories of delirium trajectories were defined as present for all five time points (enrollment and four study sessions), absent for all five time points and mixed or having at least one measurement where delirium was present and one where delirium was absent. Descriptive statistics (means, standard deviations and range) were computed for age as a continuous variable for description of the sample only.

Chi-square statistic was used to determine the relationship of delirium at enrollment and age category.

We employed marginal modeling with generalized estimating equations (GEE) and Wald statistics to assess the relationship of delirium presence with participant self-report of symptoms communicated and participant initiation of symptom discussion. We assumed a binomial response using cumulative logits, respectively. This approach was appropriate because of the repeated nature of the data, and the likelihood that symptoms or self-report might be correlated between individual participant sessions. We analyzed the effect of delirium and age category univariately and as a contrasted model.

RESULTS

Participant Characteristics

The average age in this sample was 56.81 years, with an age range or 24 - 87 years and 40 (45%) participants were aged 60 or older. The sample included 44 (49.4%) male and 10 (11.2%) non-white participants.

Delirium

At enrollment, delirium was present in 21 (23.6%) participants. Older participants (age 60) were significantly more likely to test positive for delirium on enrollment (OR: 3.23, 95% CI: 1.15-9.06 p=.02). Four participants (4.5%) had delirium at enrollment only.

There were missing data from delirium measures during 21 video observation sessions. These missing were at random. Two participants had delirium measures missing for all four sessions and 6 other participants had delirium measures missing from 1-3 sessions. Some of these missing data were a result of participant refusal to complete the CAM-ICU; participant availability, i.e., rapid participant transport off the ICU; or participant physiologic or psychological state, i.e., fatigue, decreased level of consciousness, or acute changes in physiologic state. These missing data were excluded from the analysis and construction of delirium trajectories.

About half of all participants (44, 49.4%) were not delirious at any time during this study. Of the 356 observation sessions, 38 participants (42.7%) tested CAM positive (delirious) during at least one session. Ten (10) participants (12%) were delirious at all 5 data collection time points and 44 participants (49.4%) were delirium-free at all 5 time points. Age 60 and older was not significantly associated with delirium seen consistently over the five data collection time points (p=.07). (Figure 1)

Delirium was present in 96 (28.7%) videorecorded sessions. Of these sessions, older adults were represented with a significantly greater frequency (58/96 sessions) than those participants who were younger (OR: 2.62, 95% CI: 1.19-5.77, p=.016). Hypoactive delirium was seen most frequently (87/96 sessions, 90.6%) in the entire group. When examined longitudinally, most participants who had delirium had the hypoactive subtype (n=31, 81.5%) and 7 participants had a mixed subtype of delirium, meaning that during some observation sessions, they were hypoactive (RASS 0) and, during other sessions, they were hyperactive (RASS >1). None of the participants had the hyperactive subtype across all observations of delirium. (Figure 2)

Symptoms

All 21 symptoms in our schema were reported at least once, however several symptoms (difficulty sleeping, difficulty communicating, confusion, sadness) were reported by participants with very low frequency. Symptom discussion by participants occurred in (260/356; 73.0%) of the observation sessions. The range of different symptoms discussed was 1-7 per session.

There was a significant difference in patient reports of dry mouth (OR: 3.60,95% CI: 1.1-11.83; p=0.03) when delirium was present (See Table 1). All other symptoms reported by participants did not differ significantly when delirium was present. All reports of confusion (n=3) were from patients who tested positive for delirium. Other symptoms (worry, nausea, difficulty communicating) were not reported at all by participants who were delirious.

Frequencies of symptoms reported by participants aged 60 and older were significantly different from younger participants in the following symptoms: Pain (OR: 2.12, 95% CI: 1.12-4.00, p=0.02); drowsy (OR: 0.41, CI 95%: 0.17-0.98, p=0.04); and cold (OR: 0.31,95% CI: 0.11-0.88, p=0.03). (Table 2) When delirium was introduced into the model, age 60 was associated with participant report of pain (OR: 0.44, 95% CI: 0.22-0.85,p=0.01). The association between age and participant report of drowsiness remained significant when controlling for delirium (OR: 4.71, 95% CI: 1.40-15.89, p=0.01). Presence of delirium and older age were associated with self-reported drowsiness (OR: 0.13, 95% CI:0.02-0.88, p=. 04) and feeling hot (OR:0.013, 95% CI: 0.02-0.75, p=.04) although this association was incrementally quite small. (Table 3)

Participants *initiated* discussions about symptoms in 110 (30.9%) sessions. Discussions about pain (n=43) and discomfort (n=13) were the most frequently initiated by participants. Participants who initiated discussions about symptoms were delirious in only 18 of the 110

(16.4%) sessions. Delirium significantly affected patient initiated symptom discussion (OR: 1.91, CI: 1.06-3.43:p=0.03).

DISCUSSION

This is the first study to explore the prevalence of delirium and delirium subtypes based on age. Our findings confirm previous research showing that delirium is a common occurrence during critical illness with greater incidence and risk among patients over 60 years of age^{19, 20}. Some patients (10/89, 11.2%) in this study were delirious at all time points over the course of three days but the difference was not significant between groups based on age. Hypoactive delirium was seen more often than hyperactive delirium, a finding consistent with others²⁷ and notable because of its contribution to underrecognition of delirium in the ICU. Although all patient reports of confusion were from patients experiencing delirium (n=3), there were few differences in symptoms identified by patients during delirium compared to when patients were delirium-free.

This study is also the first to examine the effects of delirium and age on symptom expression among nonvocal intubated patients in the ICU using direct observation. Our findings differ from Puntillo and colleagues' checklist survey of ICU patients at high risk of dying in which patients who tested positive for delirium were significantly more likely to endorse feeling confused (43% vs. 22%, p = .004) and sad (46% vs. 31%, p = .04) and less likely to endorse being tired (57% vs. 77%, p = .006) than delirium-free patients³⁹. Symptoms reported by participants with delirium were only different from those without for dry mouth and this association was not significant when we controlled for age over 60. Puntillo and colleagues did not explore difference in symptom report based on age.

Our sample differs from the Puntillo et al study in that all participants in our study were intubated; whereas significantly fewer participants in the Puntillo study were able to report their symptoms if they were mechanically ventilated³⁹. Our methods also differed from the Puntillo et al study by examining naturally occurring symptom communication between participants and their nurses rather than requesting participant response to a list of 10 common symptoms³⁹. Thirst and communication difficulty are symptoms shown in previous research with ICU patients as most common and most distressful³⁹⁻⁴¹, however, these symptoms were not identified often by patients in our study. This is likely a reflection of the methodological differences. Nurses drive and control communication with patients in the ICU⁴². Most of the symptom communication was nurse-initiated with only 17% initiated by participants.

Our findings are similar to those found in a study of communication capacity and delirium in terminally ill cancer patients⁴³. Using the Communication Capacity Scale and Memorial Delirium Assessment Scale, those patients who were delirious in their final week of life had more difficulty participating in complex conversations⁴³. Delirium imposes significant restrictions on communication with families and care providers and had a negative impact on symptom assessment and patient participation in decision making in terminally ill cancer patients. Decreased communication participation may be a marker of delirium and improved communication might be a marker of resolving delirium in critical illness. It is unknown

whether facilitation of communication during critical illness may have a protective effect on delirium.

Limitations of this study include the use of videorecorded data to ascertain symptom discussions by patients. These discussions might have occurred outside the videotaped sessions at other times during the day. Use of electronic medical records to identify patient-reported symptoms could also introduce bias because symptoms recorded in the medical record by nurses are filtered by the nurse. Some symptoms may be omitted and those recorded by the nurse may or may not be a priority for patients. Further, we enrolled participants at various times during their ICU admission with a median time to enrollment of 23 days. Delirium incidence and experience might be different after this length of stay. Finally, we examined the occurrence of symptoms as single entities. Additional work is needed to validate symptom clusters in critically ill patients and the impact of age and delirium on symptom clusters⁴⁴.

We excluded participants with pre-existing cognitive impairment. Given the high prevalence (89%) of hospitalized older adults with delirium superimposed on dementia, our sample might not be representative of hospitalized older adults⁴⁵. Conversely, dementia increases the risk of developing delirium⁴⁶. Often older adults with dementia arrive at the hospital without a definitive diagnosis or early in their dementia illness trajectory when cognitive impairment is under recognized or dismissed by family members. Our sample might have included patients with dementia that was yet unrecognized.

Clinical Implications

Delirium presents a difficult challenge for nursing practice. Patients with delirium have increased need for nursing attention and time⁴⁷. Several studies have reported high levels of burden and distress for nurses when they care for patients with delirium outside the ICU^{48, 49}. Effective symptom management improves patient distress and can have a positive impact on health-related quality of life. The ability of critical care nurses to discern and manage symptoms in nonvocal critically ill patients is an integral part of nursing care quality and safe patient care⁴². Conversely, misinterpretation or omission of symptom communication can lead to serious consequences or delayed treatment in this physiologically fragile population.

Delirium assessment should be part of postacute care. Gerontological nurses responsible for post-ICU care should be aware of the potential that delirium associated with critical illness might be present well after the patient's ICU stay⁵⁰. The potential for delirium superimposed on dementia is an additional condition that warrants careful assessment and management⁴⁵. Hypoactive delirium is under-recognized by clinicians so assumptions that quiet patients are sleeping or simply well-behaved should be avoided. In addition, symptom identification should be carefully explored in older adults with or without delirium.

Research Implications

Multiple stakeholders, such as the American Association of Critical Care Nursing, National Quality Forum⁵¹ and the National Institute of Nursing Research⁵² have given priority to research in symptom management. While nurses embrace the strong relationship of

symptom management to quality care, there have been few studies of symptom management in the ICU. Studies of symptom management have been devoted largely to pain and pain management in the critically ill patient.

Furthermore, there are no studies to our knowledge of the symptom experience of critically ill older adults or studies that describe the impact of delirium on symptom expression on adults of any age. Evidence is needed to support consistent and efficient symptom identification and to identify and test appropriate and effective strategies to manage symptoms.

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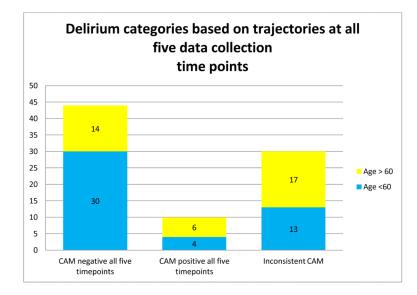


Figure 1. Delirium over 5 timepoints *5 Cases with Missing Delirium Data – Unable to classify

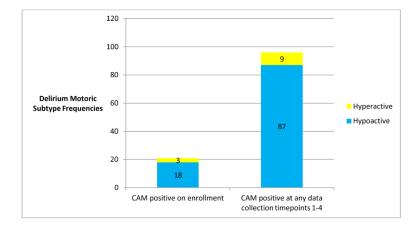


Figure 2.

Delirium motoric subtypes at enrollment and at during data collection over 2 days.

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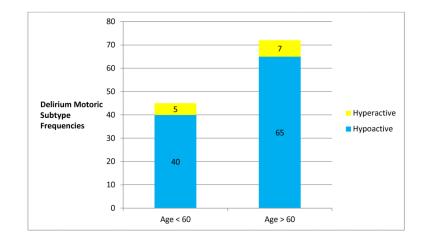


Figure 3.

Sessions (enrollment and videotaped) where delirium was present. Delirium motoric subtypes by age < 60 or 60.

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Symptom	Number (%) of sessions symptom is present	Number (%) of sessions where delirium present present*	Odds Ratio	95% CI	p-value**
Pain	172 (48.3)	39 (24.5)	88.	0.57-1.37	0.57
Discomfort	48 (13.5)	15 (31.9)	1.16	0.61- 2.20	0.65
Lack of Energy	41 (11.5)	9 (23.7)	0.78	0.31-1.92	0.59
Shortness of Breath during weaning	35 (9.8)	7 (21.2)	0.62	0.26- 1.45	0.27
Nervous Anxious	32 (9.0)	5 (17.8)	0.56	0.20- 1.59	0.28
Hot	26 (7.3)	9 (34.6)	1.25	0.50-3.13	0.63
Drowsy	23 (6.5)	8 (36.3)	1.44	0.56- 3.69	0.44
Thirst	18 (5.1)	4 (22.2)	0.71	0.16-3.13	0.65
Cold	17 (4.8)	6 (35.3)	1.42	0.50-4.01	0.50
Frustrated	16 (4.5)	2 (13.3)	0.37	0.08-1.63	0.19
Dry Mouth	15 (4.2)	8 (57)	3.60	1.10-11.83	.035
Shortness of Breath not during weaning	16 (4.5)	3(23.1)	0.56	0.16-1.93	0.36
Scared	14 (3.9)	2 (20)	0.69	0.20- 2.39	0.56
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Delirium measures absent in 21 sessions. **

- p-values generated from marginal models using generalized estimating to model probability of symptom present with presence of delirium. Models also included fixed effect for session.

Low Frequency Symptoms (n<5 sessions) were omitted from the model: Hunger, Restless, Nausea, Sad, Difficulty Communicating, Confused, Difficulty Sleeping

Table 2

60 years
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Symptom	Symptom present for those age 60	Odds Ratio	95% CI	p-value
Pain	61(35.4)	2.12	1.12-4.00	.02
Discomfort	24(50)	0.81	0.37-1.75	0.59
Lack of Energy	23(56.1)	0.58	0.29 - 1.17	0.13
Shortness of Breath during weaning*	18 (51.4)	0.74	0.32- 2.10	0.48
Nervous Anxious	16 (50)	0.82	0.32- 2.10	0.67
Hot	15(57.7)	0.57	0.24- 1.38	0.21
Drowsy*	15 (65.2)	0.41	0.17- 0.98	0.04
Thirst	7 (38.9)	0.42	0.13- 1.35	0.14
Cold	12(70.59)	0.31	0.11- 0.88	0.03
Frustrated	9(56.25)	0.60	0.19- 1.87	0.38
Dry Mouth	10(66.7)	0.39	0.13- 1.18	160.
Shortness of Breath not during weaning	9(56.25)	0.62	0.17- 2.27	0.47
Scared	8(57.1)	0.59	0.17- 2.12	0.42
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p-values generated from marginal models using generalized estimating to model probability of symptom present with age 60 years. Models also included fixed effect for session.

Low Frequency Symptoms (n<5 sessions)

Hunger, Restless, Nausea, Sad, Difficulty Communicating, Confused, Difficulty Sleeping

Symptom frequency associated with delirium and age	squency	associated	with deli	rium an		60 years			
Symptom	Odds Ratio	Delirium 95% CI	p- value**	Odds Ratio	Age > 60 95% CI	p-value**	Odds Ratio	Delirium * Age > 60 95% CI	p- value ^{**}
Pain	0.91	0.48-1.72	0.76	0.44	0.22-0.85	0.01	1.07	0.45-2.57	0.87
Discomfort	0.62	0.23-1.68	.35	1.22	0.53-2.83	0.64	1.48	0.48-4.57	0.50
Lack of Energy	0.77	0.19-3.07	0.71	1.66	0.76-3.64	0.20	0.85	0.14-5.28	0.86
Shortness of Breath during weaning	0.53	0.13-2.13	.37	1.39	0.54-3.60	0.49	1.08	0.18-6.21	0.93
Nervous Anxious	0.25	0.06-1.12	0.07	0.52	0.34-2.61	06.0	2.30	0.30-17.85	0.42
Hot	3.98	1.05-15.01	0.04	3.59	1.14 - 11.26	0.03	0.013	0.02-0.75	.04
Drowsy	4.30	1.02-18.13	0.05	4.71	1.40- 15.89	0.01	0.13	0.02-0.88	.04
Cold	0.10	0.10-10.27	0.10	3.32	0.9-12.06	0.07	1.03	0.08-13.62	0.98
Frustrated	0.38	0.04-3.81	0.41	2.96	0.84 - 10.42	0.09	0.38	0.01-10.16	0.56
Dry Mouth	2.3099	0.38-14.10	0.16	1.75	0.38-7.99	0.47	1.29	0.12-4.92	0.83
Shortness of Breath not during weaning	0.46	0.04-5.46	0.47	1.45	0.32-6.59	0.63	1.26	0.07-13.37	0.87
Scared	1.60	0.24- 10.54	0.36	2.38	0.47- 12.09	0.30	0.26	0.02-3.99	0.33

p-values generated from marginal models using generalized estimating to model probability of symptom present with delirium present and age 60 years. Models also included fixed effect for session. **

Table 3

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