

Class Preparation
Characteristic Behaviors of Delirium and NCD

Directions: Check whether the behaviors described on the left are characteristic of delirium or neurocognitive disorder or both.

	Delirium	Neurocognitive Disorder
Duration of the disorder is commonly brief.		
Clients with this disorder use confabulation to hide cognitive deficits		
Symptoms of this disorder may be confused with depression.		
Can be caused by a series of small strokes.		
Is commonly reversible.		
Can occur as the result of seizures.		
Level of awareness is affected.		
Reversibility occurs in only a small percentage of cases.		
Severe migraine headache can lead to this condition		
Personality change is common with this condition		
Illusions and hallucinations are common symptoms.		
Symptoms can occur as a result of cocaine intoxication.		
Symptoms can occur as a result of alcohol withdrawal.		
Can occur as a result of head trauma.		
Disturbance in memory is commonly the first symptom.		