Richmond Agitation-Sedation Scale

What:

- Scale used to measure agitation or sedation levels in patients.
- Assessment and documentation completed by RNs.

Who:

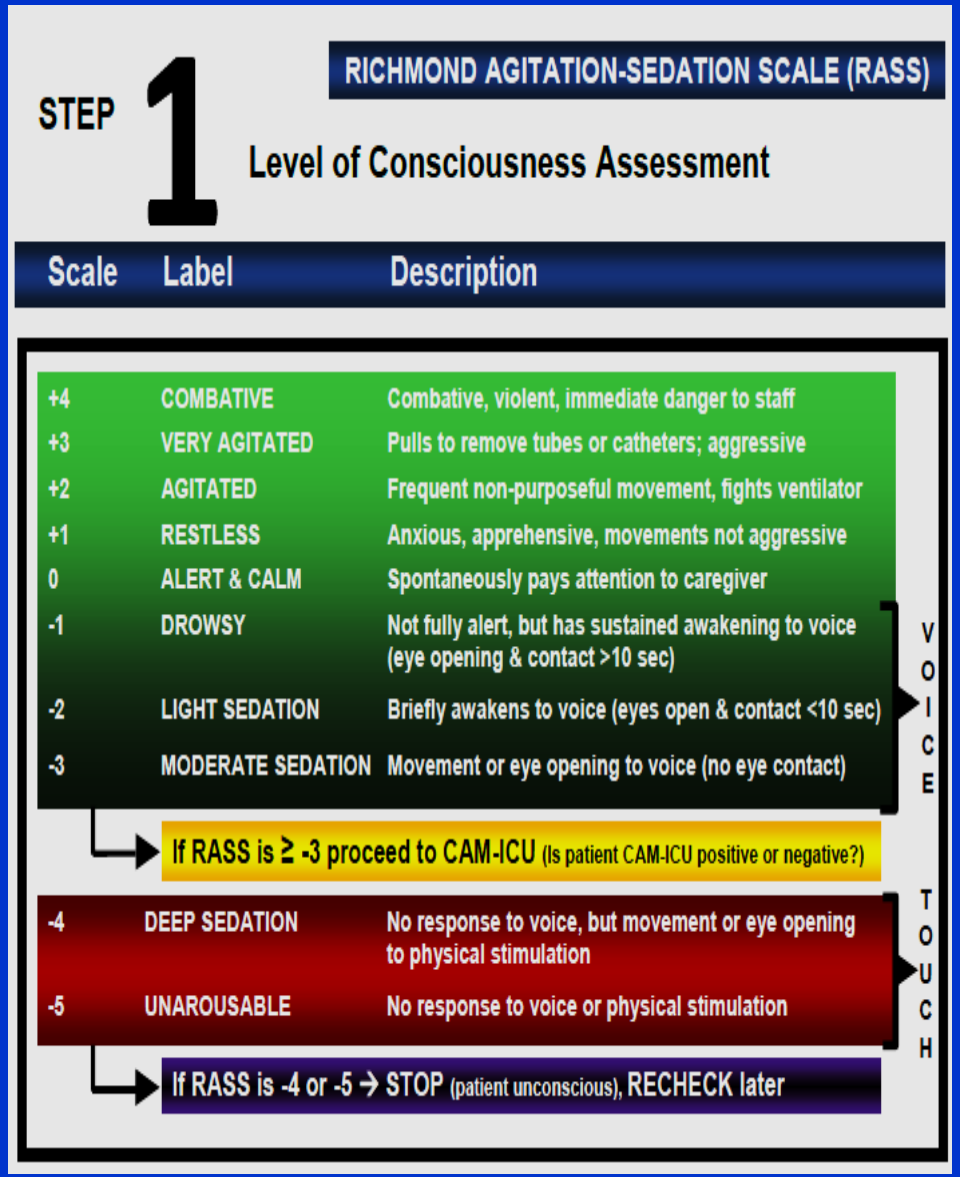
- Can be used on all hospitalized patients, however, most frequently used in mechanically ventilated patients.

Why:

- Helps avoid over or under sedation of patients.
- As opposed to the GCS, the RASS is not limited to patients with intracranial processes.

When:

- A RASS should be completed based on providers orders and with any titration of sedation.
- RASS is a separate order from GCS or neuro checks.



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