**OASIS Item Guidance Sensory Status** 

OASIS ITEM
(M1200) Vision (with corrective lenses if the patient usually wears them):
<ul> <li>Normal vision: sees adequately in most situations; can see medication labels, newsprint.</li> <li>Partially impaired: cannot see medication labels or newsprint, but <u>can</u> see obstacles in path, and the surrounding layout; can count fingers at arm's length.</li> <li>Severely impaired: cannot locate objects without hearing or touching them or patient nonresponsive.</li> </ul>
ITEM INTENT
Identifies the patient's ability to see and visually manage (function) safely within his/her environment, wearing corrective lenses if these are usually worn.
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED
Start of care
Resumption of care
Follow-up
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
"Nonresponsive" means that the patient is not <u>able</u> to respond.
As specified within the OASIS question, only assess functional vision with corrective lenses if the patient usually wears corrective lenses.

- A magnifying glass (as might be used to read newsprint) is not an example of corrective lenses.
- Reading glasses (including "grocery store" reading glasses) are considered to be corrective lenses.
- Assessment strategies: In the health history interview, ask the patient about vision problems (e.g., cataracts) and whether or not the patient uses glasses. Observe ability to locate signature line on consent form, to count fingers at arm's length and ability to differentiate between medications, especially if medications are selfadministered. Be sensitive to requests to read, as patient may not be able to read though vision is adequate.

## **DATA SOURCES / RESOURCES**

- Patient/caregiver interview
- Observation
- Physical assessment
- Referral information (e.g., history and physical)