

Primary Care Evaluation for a New Patient with Suspected Dementia

OVERVIEW

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Instructions

1. Use this system to evaluate patients whom you suspect have dementia due to a positive screen and/or a suggestive history.
2. Schedule the patient and a family member for two visits: a ½ hour appointment to perform the assessment and order tests, and a 20 minute visit a week or more later to discuss findings.
3. Visit one –
 - Before the visit: the nurse (or provider or pharmacist) completes the medication review form (**Form B**), and the medical record is reviewed RE reason for visit and known information about the person's health and screening results.
 - The family member completes the family member questionnaire (**Form A**).
 - The nurse (if trained) or provider complete one of the cognitive status evaluations (**Form D.1 or D.2**).
 - The medical provider completes the cognitive evaluation history (**Form C**) and the Examination Checklist (**Form E**).
 - Any laboratory tests the clinician considers appropriate are ordered and an MRI of the head (without contrast).
4. Visit two –
 - Before the visit: the nurse or provider fills in the numbered portions of the summary (**Form F**) and gives it to the medical provider to review before the visit.
 - If appropriate (based on information gathered to date) the patient completes the PHQ-9 depression screen (**Form G**).
 - The provider meets with the patient and family member to discuss the findings. The nurse is involved and helps direct the patient and family to community resources, if appropriate.