



## Table 1. Comparison of Other Brief Tools Used to Screen for Cognitive Impairment

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Instrument	Descriptor	Scoring	Time to administer
Blessed Dementia Scale <sup>1</sup>	Twenty-two items measuring change in activities of daily living, self-care, personality, and drive	0 (normal) to 28 (severe impairment)	20 minutes
Clinical Dementia Rating <sup>2</sup>	Semi-structured interview; impairment rated on a five-point scale in each of six domains of cognitive function: memory, orientation, judgment and problem solving, community affairs; home and hobbies, and personal care	Impairment ratings: 0 = none; 0.5 = questionable; 1 = mild; 2 = moderate; 3 = severe	20 minutes
FROMAJE <sup>3</sup>	Seven items relating to mental function, reasoning, orientation, memory, arithmetic, judgment, and emotional state	Each item rated on a three-point scale; total score ranges from 7 (mild to no impairment) to 21 (13 or higher is indicative of severe dementia or depression)	10 to 20 minutes
Set Test <sup>4</sup>	Verbalized recollection of as many items as possible (up to 10) in each of four categories: colors, animals, fruits, and towns	10 is a perfect score in each category; 40 is a perfect total score; few subjects have total scores lower than 15	2 to 5 minutes
Clock Drawing Test <sup>5</sup>	Drawing of clock with time at 11:10	No universal scoring	2 to 5 minutes
6-Item Cognitive Impairment Test (6CIT) <sup>6</sup>	A six-item abbreviation of the Blessed Information–Memory–Concentration Scale	0 (perfect score) to 28 (maximum impairment); a score of 8 or more is indicative of cognitive impairment	1 to 2 minutes
Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) <sup>7</sup>	Eleven items measuring orientation, registration, attention and calculation, recall, and language	0 (poor) to 30 (normal)	10 minutes
7 Minute Screen <sup>8</sup>	Four tests: orientation, memory, clock drawing, and verbal fluency	0 (perfect score) to 113 (maximum error); 0 (maximum impairment) to 16 (perfect score); 0 to 7 (perfect score); and the number of animals named in a one-minute period	7 to 10 minutes

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