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# Creating an OT Toolbox of Assessments for Persons with Dementia

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#### Learning Outcomes

- Participants will be able to identify three assessments that may be used in future practice when assessing persons with dementia.
- Participants will be able to categorize the assessments based upon occupational therapy domains.
- Participants will be able to document analysis of cognitive performance based upon standardized assessments.



#### Course Introduction

- Speaker Introduction
- Course Overview
- Learning Outcomes
- Timeline

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#### Course Overview

• The purpose of this course is to provide participants a brief overview of commonly used assessments that may be selected when evaluating a person diagnosed with dementia. Information presented will aid in the selection of an assessment when seeking to analyze occupational performance.



#### Introduction of Assessments

- Allen Cognitive Level Screen-5
- Allen Diagnostic Module 2<sup>nd</sup> edition
- Routine Task Inventory Expanded
- Global Deterioration Scale
- Functional Assessment Staging
- Cognitive Performance Test
- Dynamic Lowenstein Occupational Therapy Cognitive Assessment-Geriatric
- Mini-Mental State Examination 2<sup>nd</sup> edition
- Montreal Cognitive Assessment
- Saint Louis University Mental Status Exam
- Short Blessed Test

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### Allen Cognitive Level Screen-5

- Quick reference name: ACLS-5 or LACLS-5
- ACLS-5 Levels:
  - ACL 3 Automatic Actions (moderate-severe)
  - ACL 4 Goal Directed Actions (mild-moderate)
  - ACL 5 MCI (mild)
  - ACL 6 Normal



# Allen Cognitive Level Screen-5

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Allen et al., 2007)

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#### Allen Diagnostic Module 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

- Diagnostic Modules for varying levels
  - Additional options: Allen Placemat Test

(Earhart, 2006)



#### Allen Diagnostic Module 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Earhart, 2006)

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#### Routine Task Inventory - Expanded

- Quick reference name: RTI-E
- Downloadable at no cost:

http://allen-cognitive-network.org/index.php/allencognitive-model/routine-task-inventory-expanded-rtie

(Katz, 2006)



# Routine Task Inventory - Expanded

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Katz, 2006)

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#### Global Deterioration Scale

- Quick reference name: GDS
- Stages range from 1 -7
  - Stage 1 = Normal
  - Stage 7 = End Stage/Severe

(Reisberg, Ferris, DeLeon, & Crook, 1982)



#### Global Deterioration Scale

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Reisberg, Ferris, DeLeon, & Crook, 1982)

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# Functional Assessment Staging

Quick reference name: FAST

(Reisberg, 1984)



### Functional Assessment Staging

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Reisberg, 1984)

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# Cognitive Performance Test

Quick reference name: CPT

(Burns, 2013)



### Cognitive Performance Test

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Burns, 2013)

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#### Dynamic Lowenstein Occupational Therapy Cognitive Assessment-Geriatric

Quick reference name: DLOTCA-G

(Katz, Averbuch, & Bar-Haim Erez, 2011)



#### Dynamic Lowenstein Occupational Therapy Cognitive Assessment-Geriatric

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Katz, Averbuch, & Bar-Haim Erez, 2011)

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# Mini-Mental State Examination 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

Quick reference name: MMSE-2

(Folstein, Folstein, & McHugh, 1975)



# Mini-Mental State Examination 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Folstein, Folstein, & McHugh, 1975)

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# Montreal Cognitive Assessment

- Quick reference name: MoCA
- Downloadable at no cost: www.mocatest.org/

(Nasreddine et al., 2005)



### Montreal Cognitive Assessment

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Nasreddine et al., 2005)

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# Saint Louis University Mental Status Exam

- Quick reference name: SLUMS
- Downloadable at no cost:

http://aging.slu.edu/index.php?page=saint-louisuniversity-mental-status-slums-exam

(Tariq et al., 2006)



# Saint Louis University Mental Status Exam

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Tariq et al., 2006)

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#### Short Blessed Test

- Also referred to as:
  - Short Orientation-Memory-Concentration Test
  - SBT (Short Blessed Test)
  - Orientation-Memory-Concentration Test
- Downloadable at no cost: http://www.regionstrauma.org/blogs/sbt.pdf

(Katzman, Brown, Fuld, Peck, Schechter, & Schimmel, 1983)



#### **Short Blessed Test**

- Advantages
- Disadvantages
- Administration

(Katzman, Brown, Fuld, Peck, Schechter, & Schimmel, 1983)

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# Occupational Therapy Domains

- OTPF (2014) Domains
  - Client Factors
  - Performance Skills

(AOTA, 2014)



#### Overview of Assessments

- Client Factors:
  - DLOTCA
  - MMSE-2
  - MoCA
  - SLUMS
  - SBT
- Performance Skills:
  - ACLS-5
  - ADM-2
  - CPT

(AOTA, 2014)

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# Comparison of Assessments

- Evaluation of each outcome measure
  - Advantages, Disadvantages, Key elements
- Aid in selection of the correct test
  - Ask questions to facilitate an informed decision



#### Questions to ask when selecting a tool

- How is it scored?
  - What will the score indicate?
- What skills are required?
- What time is required for administration?
- What is the validity and inter-rater reliability for the tool?

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# Documentation and outcome measures

Medicare Requirements





#### Summary

- Consider this:
  - Need more than one tool to complete the job
- Focus on the client's remaining strengths/abilities
- Allow the assessment's domain to assist in your treatment planning/documentation
- Always review the assessment's administration and scoring instructions

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