

HANDY SCREENING TOOL

This is an easy to use screening tool to be utilized to establish baseline functioning and then measure changes over time. This is a great tool to complete at annual program planning meetings to discuss with the group to provide a wider range of opinions. The NTG/EDSD provides excellent information to take to a physician to reflect changes seen over time, which will help in identifying what your loved one might be experiencing.

The tool is available FREE OF CHARGE by visiting:

www.aadmd.org/ntg/screening



NTG-EDSD

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The NTG Early Detection Screen for Dementia, adapted from the DSM-IV, can be used for the early detection screening of those adults with an intellectual disability who are suspected of or may be showing early signs of mild cognitive impairment or dementia. The NTG-EDSD is not an assessment or diagnostic instrument, but an administrative screen that can be used by staff and family caregivers to note functional decline and health problems and record observations useful for further assessment, as well as to serve as part of the mandatory cognitive assessment screen that is part of the Affordable Care Act's annual wellness visit for Medicare recipients. This instrument complies with Section 2.9 of the 10 National Rule to Address Alzheimer's Disease.

It is recommended that this instrument be used on an annual or as indicated basis with adults with known cognitive impairment with age 65, and with other at-risk persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities when suspected of experiencing cognitive changes. The form can be completed by anyone who is familiar with the adult. It is, however, best to use an individual with a specific medical specialty support position or a Substantial Health Specialist using information derived by observation of from the adult's personal record.

The estimated time necessary to complete this form is between 15 and 30 minutes. Some information can be drawn from the individual's medical/health record. Consult the NTG-EDSD Manual for additional instructions (www.aadmd.org/ntg/screening).

1) Name of person: _____ 2) Date: _____

3) Name of person: _____ 4) Last: _____

5) Date of birth: _____ 6) Age: _____

7) Sex: _____

8) Best description of level of intellectual disability:

Profound (IQ 10-25)
Severe (IQ 25-35)
Moderate (IQ 35-50)
Mild (IQ 50-70)
Borderline (IQ 70-85)
Subaverage (IQ 85-100)

9) Organizational question (check all that apply):

Autism
Challenging activity
Community placement
Community care
Employer & caregiver
Individual case manager
Pre-Pre-Work experience
Other

10) Current living arrangement of person:

- Lives alone
- Lives with spouse or partner
- Lives with parents or other family members
- Lives with paid caregiver
- Lives in community group home, apartment, independent housing, etc.
- Lives in assisted housing
- Lives in congregate residential setting
- Lives in long-term care facility
- Lives in other: _____

11) Instructions: For each question block, check the best that best applies to the individual or situation.