

Brief Cognitive Rating Scale

The Brief Cognitive Rating Scale (BCRS) is a scored evaluation of the resident's cognitive status. Rate each of the five areas (Axis I through V) and divide the total by 5. This answer will result in a stage which corresponds to the Global Deterioration Scale. If the score indicates moderate cognitive decline the Global Deterioration Scale will be used at all subsequent assessments of the resident.

Resident Name _____

Apt. #: _____

Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	
Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Axis I: Concentration
1	1	1	1	1	No objective or subjective evidence of deficit in concentration
2	2	2	2	2	Subjective deficit in concentration
3	3	3	3	3	Minor objective signs of poor concentration
4	4	4	4	4	Definite concentration deficit (marked deficit on serial 7's, frequent deficit in subtraction of serial 4s from 40)
5	5	5	5	5	Marked concentration deficit (giving months backward or serial 2s from 20)
6	6	6	6	6	Forgets the concentration task. Frequently begins to count forward when asked to count backward from 10 by 1s
7	7	7	7	7	Marked difficulty counting forward to 10
					Axis II: Recent Memory
1	1	1	1	1	No objective or subjective evidence of deficit in recent memory
2	2	2	2	2	Subjective impairment only (forgetting names more than formerly)
3	3	3	3	3	Deficit in recall of specific events upon detailed questioning. No deficit in recall of major recent events.
4	4	4	4	4	Cannot recall major events of previous weekend. Scanty knowledge of current events, favorite TV shows, etc.
5	5	5	5	5	Unsure of current weather, president, etc.
6	6	6	6	6	Occasional knowledge of some events. Little or no idea of current address, weather, etc.
7	7	7	7	7	No knowledge of any recent events.
					Axis III: Past Memory
1	1	1	1	1	No subjective or objective impairment in memory.
2	2	2	2	2	Subjective impairment only. Can recall two or more primary school teachers.
3	3	3	3	3	Some gaps in past memory upon detailed questioning. Able to recall at least one childhood teacher and or one friend.
4	4	4	4	4	Clear-cut deficit. The spouse recalls more of the resident's past than the resident. Cannot recall childhood friends, teachers, but knows the names of schools attended. Confuses chronology of personal history.
5	5	5	5	5	Major past events sometimes not recalled (i.e. name of schools attended).
6	6	6	6	6	Some residual memory of past (may remember country of birth or former occupation).
7	7	7	7	7	No memory of past.
					Axis IV: Orientation
1	1	1	1	1	No deficit. Knows time, place, and identity of self/others.
2	2	2	2	2	Subjective impairment only. Knows location/approximate time to nearest hour.
3	3	3	3	3	Any mistakes in time >2hrs; days of week >1 day; date >3
4	4	4	4	4	Mistakes in month >10 day or, Year > one month
5	5	5	5	5	Unsure of month and/or year and/or season; location
6	6	6	6	6	No idea of date. Identifies spouse but may not recall name. Knows own name.
7	7	7	7	7	Cannot identify spouse. May not be sure of own identity.

Resident Name _____

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					Axis V: Functioning and Self-Care
1	1	1	1	1	No difficulty, either subjectively or objectively.
2	2	2	2	2	c/o forgetting location of objects.
3	3	3	3	3	Difficulty traveling to new locations.
4	4	4	4	4	Decreased ability to perform complex tasks (planning dinner for guests, handling finances, buying groceries).
5	5	5	5	5	Requires assistance in choosing proper clothing.
6	6	6	6	6	Requires assistance in toileting, feeding, bathing, or ambulating.
7	7	7	7	7	Requires assistance in all activities of daily living.
					← Total Score:
Score/5	Score/5	Score/5	Score/5	Score/5	← Divided by 5 =
					← Stage on Global Deterioration Scale:

1=Normal, no cognitive decline present.

2=Very mild impairment when compared to 5 or 10 years previous.

3=Mild. Minimal impairment which is evident with detailed questioning.

4=Moderate. Marked impairment which is easily identifiable.

5=Moderately severe impairment.

6=Severe impairment.

7=Very severe impairment.

Signature of person completing the assessment

Date
