

THE CLINICAL DEMENTIA RATING SCALE

Score only as decline from previous usual level due to cognitive loss, not impairment due to other factors. Morris, J.C. (1993) The Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR): current version and scoring rules. *Neurology*, 43, 2412-4

	NONE 0	QUESTIONABLE 0.5	MILD 1	MODERATE 2	SEVERE 3
Memory	No memory loss or slight Inconsistent forgetfulness	Consistent slight forgetfulness; partial recollection of events; "benign" forgetfulness	Moderate memory loss: more marked for recent events; defect interferes with everyday activity	Severe memory loss, only highly learned material retained: new material rapidly lost	Severe memory loss only fragments remain
Orientation	Fully oriented	Fully oriented but with slight difficulty with time relationships	Moderate difficulty with time relationships; oriented for place at examination; may have geographic disorientation elsewhere	Severe difficulty with time relationships; usually disoriented to time, often to place	Oriented to person only
Judgement and Problem Solving	Solves everyday problems and handles business and financial affairs well; judgement good in relation to past performance	Slight impairment in solving problems, similarities and differences	Moderate difficulty in handling problems, similarities and differences; social judgements usually maintained	Severely impaired in handling problems, similarities and differences; social judgement usually impaired	Unable to make judgements or solve problems
Community Affairs	Independant function as usual in job, shopping, volunteer and social groups	Slight impairment in these activities	Unable to function independantly at these activities though may still be engaged in some; appears normal to casual inspection	No pretense of independent function home; appears well enough to be taken to functions outside the family home	Appears too ill to be taken outside the family home
Home and Hobbies	Life at home, hobbies and intellectual interests well maintained	Life at home, hobbies and intellectual interests slightly impaired	Mild but definite impairment of functions at home; more difficult chores, and complicated hobbies and interests abandoned	Only simple chores preserved; very restricted interests, poorly maintained	No significant function at home
Personal Care	Fully capable of self-care		Needs prompting	Requires assistance in dressing hygiene and keeping of personal effects	Requires much help with personal care; frequent incontinence