DEMENTIA FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT TOOL

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LEVEL	CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS	DATE 1	DATE 2	DATE 3	DATE 4
1 – Early Stage No Cognitive Decline	No demonstrated memory deficits				
	No subjective cases of memory deficits				
	Functions independently				
2 – Early Stage Very Mild Cognitive Decline (Forgetfulness)	Subjective cases of memory deficits (placement of familiar objects, names he/she knows well)				
	No problems completing tasks or at social functions				
3 – Middle Stage Mild Cognitive Decline (Early Confusional)	Memory deficit evident on intensive interview				
	Attempts to conceal deficits				
	Expresses concern regarding deficits (mild/moderate anxiety)				
	Problems performing in demanding situations (work or social)				
4 – Middle Stage Moderate Cognitive Decline (Late Confusional)	Decreased knowledge of current and recent events				
	Memory deficits regarding personal history				
	Decreased ability to concentrate on serial subtractions				
	Difficulty with complex tasks				
	Denial of deficits				
	Withdraws from challenging situations				
5 – Late Stage Moderately Severe Cognitive Decline (Early Dementia)	Disorientation to time (date, day of week, season, etc.) or place				
	Immediate memory relatively intact				
	Needs assistance choosing clothing				
	Wears clothing appropriately (hearing aid, glasses, carries purse)				
	Feeds self (may need meal set-up)				
	Sleep disturbances				
	Wanders, looking for a way out (purposeful wandering)				
	Tearfulness				
	Catastrophic reactions				
	Some resistance to care giving				
	Needs verbal cues for ADL's – follows simple instructions				
6 – Late Stage Severe Cognitive Decline (Middle Dementia)	Unable to recall most recent events				
	Repetitiveness				
	Removes/won't wear clothing appropriately (glasses, hearing aid)				
	Refuses to change clothing				
	Bathing results in challenging behavior				
	Feeds self with set-up; cues; assist				
	Sleep disturbances				
	Catastrophic reactions				
	Great resistance to care giving				
	Purposeless wandering (Wandering without an agenda)				
	Cannot complete a two-stage command				
7 – Late Stage Very Severe Cognitive Decline (Late Dementia)	Frequently no speech at all – mostly grunting				
	Cannot feed self				
	Cannot complete even simple meaningful tasks				
	Unable to sit up independently				
	Loss of basic psychomotor skills (unable to walk w/o assistance)				
	Unable to hold head up				
	Hyper oral (may put everything in mouth)				
	Long term memory severely affected				
	LEVEL				

DATE	SIGNATURE OF PERSON(S) COMPLETING ASSESSMENT PER REVIEW