

MEMORY IMPAIRMENT SCREEN (MIS)

Instructions for Administration

1. Show patient a sheet of paper with the four items to be recalled in 24-point or greater uppercase letters (on other side), and ask patient to read the items aloud.
2. Tell patient that each item belongs to a different category. Give a category cue and ask patient to indicate which of the words belongs in the stated category (e.g., "Which one is the game?"). Allow up to five attempts. Failure to complete this task indicates possible cognitive impairment.
3. When patient identifies all four words, remove the sheet of paper. Tell patient that he or she will be asked to remember the words in a few minutes.
4. Engage patient in distractor activity for two to three minutes, such as counting to 20 and back, counting back from 100 by seven, spelling WORLD backwards.
5. FREE RECALL — two points per word: Ask patient to state as many of the four words he or she can recall. Allow at least five seconds per item for free recall. Continue to step six if no more words have been recalled for 10 seconds.
6. CUED RECALL — one point per word: Read the appropriate category cue for each word not recalled during free recall (e.g., "What was the game?").

Word	Cue	Free recall (2 pts.)	Cued Recall (1 pts.)
Checkers	Game		
Saucer	Dish		
Telegram	Message		
Red Cross	Organization		

Scoring

The maximum score for the MIS is 8.

- 5-8 No cognitive impairment
- ≤ Possible cognitive impairment

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WORD LIST

Checkers

Saucer

Telegram

Red Cross

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