Minnesota Cognitive Acuity Screen

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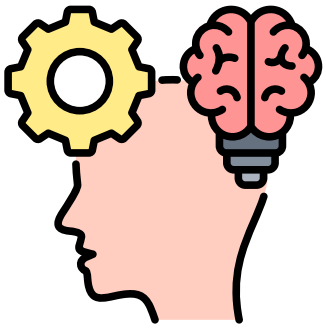
What's the purpose?

The Minnesota Cognitive Acuity Screen is used to check your ability to think, plan and remember. It is often used to evaluate cognitive impairment on older adults and in people with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. It can be taken over the phone or in person. The test takes about 15 minutes to complete.



What do I have to do?

The test includes 9 short tasks that cover orientation, attention, delayed word recall, comprehension, repetition, naming, simple math, judgement and ability to come up with words quickly. Some of the things you will asked to do include:

- Read a series of numbers back to your therapist
- Recall a list of words later in the test
- Follow instructions (for example, tap your finger on the table and say specific words)
- Repeat sentences back to your therapist
- Perform simple math (adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing)
- Describe your response to different scenarios (for example, getting a letter addressed to someone else)
- Name as many items as you can in a category (for example, animals)

What does my score mean?

Your scores for each of the tasks will be added up. The total possible score you can get on the test is 70. Higher scores mean you have better cognition, while lower scores can indicate cognitive impairment. The Minnesota Cognitive Acuity Screen is just a screening tool. It does not provide a diagnosis. Talk to your therapist about what your score means for you.

SCORE	MEANING
57	Average score for healthy adults
42.5-52.5	May suggest mild cognitive impairment
Below 42.5	May indicate Alzheimer's disease or more serious cognitive impairment

To see a full summary of this instrument and more, visit sralab.org/rehabilitation-measures.
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