

SGS Virtual Cognitive Assessment Information Package



Prior to proceeding with the assessment, please ensure that the patient can see and/or hear you clearly.

Tips for conducting a virtual MMSE

Important: Prior to initiating the video call to the patient, open the PowerPoint image file on your computer. Once the file is open, click on the View tab. On the left side of the View pane, click on Reading View button to set up file in reading view mode. This will enable you to show the images individually during screen share when you are conducting the test. You can move the slides forward using the arrow keys.

Item	Recommendation
Orientation to time	Provide instructions, as per usual
Orientation to place	Provide instructions, as per usual. Modify to “ What is the street address of your home?” “What floor are you on ?” or “What room are you in? “
Immediate Recall (Three-word recall)	Provide instructions, as per usual
Attention (Serial 7’s or spelling “world” backwards)	Provide instructions, as per usual
Delayed Recall	Provide instructions, as per usual
Naming	Open the image file. Use “Share Screen” to share the image file with the patient. Ask patient to name the object they see. Move to next image using arrow keys on your keyboard. Stop after showing image of pen. Click on “Stop Screen Share”, but leave the file open on your computer.
Repeat a phrase	Provide instructions, as per usual
Three-step command	Ask the accompanying person to hold up the piece of paper to the patient and wait for further instructions. Provide instructions, as per usual.
Read and follow “Close your eyes”	Use “Share Screen” to share the image file with the patient, provide instructions, and observe patient response.
Write a sentence	Provide instructions for the task, as per usual. Once completed, ask the patient to hold up the paper in front of the camera. Take a screen shot. Save the image in the patient’s file.
Copy intersecting pentagons	Use “Share Screen” to share the image file. Provide instructions, as per usual. Once completed, ask the patient to hold up the paper in front of the camera. Take a screen shot. Save the image in the patient’s file.



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Tips on conducting a Virtual Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) Test

By Telephone: The MoCA Test Blind has been validated for administration by telephone. There are no visual or written elements in this version of the MoCA. The maximum possible score is 22. Detailed instructions are available here: <https://www.mocatest.org/paper-tests/moca-test-blind>

Item	Recommendation
Vigilance (Item three)	Ask patient to use a pen and tap the phone when they hear “A”.

By Videoconference:

Item	Recommendation
Visuospatial/Executive Mini trails	Open image file. Use “Share Screen” to share the image file with the patient. Ask the patient to call out letters and numbers in order, as per instructions.
Copy a cube	Continue to next image. Provide instructions, as per usual. Once complete, click on “Stop Screen Share”
Draw a clock	Provide instructions, as per usual. Once completed, ask the patient to hold up the paper in front of the camera. Take a screen shot. Save the image in the patient’s file.
Naming	Open the image file. Use “Share Screen” to share the image file with the patient. Ask the patient to name the object they see. Move to next image using arrow keys on your keyboard. Once all images have been seen, click on “Stop Screen Share”.
Vigilance (Item three)	Ask patient to raise their hand when they hear “A”.

