

Abbreviated mental test score: screen for dementia

Each question scores one mark; there are no half marks. A score of six or less suggests dementia (although it is important to take account of the patient's educational level in interpreting the test).

1. Age
2. Time to nearest hour
3. An address, eg 42 West Street, to be repeated by the patient at the end of the test
4. Year
5. Name of hospital, residential institution or home address, depending on where the patient is situated
6. Recognition of two persons — for example, the doctor, nurse, relative, home help, etc.
7. Date of birth
8. Year the First World War started
9. Name of present monarch
10. Count backwards from 20 to 1.