

Mini-Mental Status Examination (MMSE)

The Mini-Mental Status Examination offers a quick and simple way to quantify cognitive function and screen for cognitive loss. It tests the individual's orientation, attention, calculation, recall, language and motor skills. Each section of the test involves a related series of questions or commands. The individual receives one point for each correct answer.

To give the examination, seat the individual in a quiet, well-lit room. Ask him/her to listen carefully and to answer each question as accurately as he/she can.

Don't time the test, but score it right away. To score, add the number of correct responses. The individual can receive a maximum score of 30 points. A score below 20 usually indicates cognitive impairment.

Instructions: Ask the questions in the order listed. Score one point for each correct response within each question or activity.

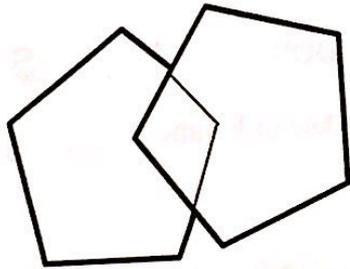
The Mini-Mental Status Examination

Name: Rebecca C. DOB: 5-19-59

Years of School: 12 Date of Exam: _____

Maximum Score	Patient's Score	Questions
5	5	What is the year? Season? Date? Day of the week? Month?
5	4	Where are we now: State? County? Town/city? Hospital? Floor?"
3	3	The examiner names three unrelated objects clearly and slowly, then asks the patient to name all three of them. The patient's response is used for scoring. The examiner repeats them until patient learns all of them, if possible. Number of trials:
5	5	I would like you to count backward from 100 by sevens. (93, 86, 79, 72, 65, ...) Stop after five answers. Alternative: Spell WORLD backwards.(D-L-R-O-W)
3	3	Earlier I told you the names of three things. Can you tell me what those were?

2	2	Show the patient two simple objects, such as a wristwatch and a pencil, and ask the patient to name them.
1	1	Repeat the phrase: 'No ifs, ands, or buts'
3	3	Take the paper in your right hand, fold it in half, and put it on the floor." (The examiner gives the patient a piece of blank paper.)
1	1	Please read this and do what it says. (Written instruction is "Close your eyes.")
1	1	Make up and write a sentence about anything. (This sentence must contain a noun and a verb.)
1	1	Please copy this picture. (The examiner gives the patient a blank piece of paper and asks him/her to draw the symbol below. All 10 angles must be present and two must intersect.)



Total Score 29