

## Phase 1 (Baseline, Education & Consent)

### Conduct Cognitive Baseline

- Nursing staff and Pharmacists determine and document who already has diagnosis of Dementia or Mild Cognitive Impairment( MCI) and who is on a cholinesterase inhibitor (Tool: Cognitive Baseline Tracker)

### Education

- Lead Physician/Geriatrician provides education to Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists on the Memory Care Program and discusses roles and responsibilities of everyone involved
- Lead Physician/Geriatrician provides Education session/preceptorship for Nurses on how to do cognitive screens/assessments

### Consent

- Nursing staff gather consent for each Patient/Resident who does not have a previous Dx of Dementia or MCI (Tool: Informed Consent for Participation in Memory Care Program)

## Phase 2 (Screening & Assessment)

### Memory Risk Calculator (MRC)

- Nursing staff determine “Memory Risk Calculation” for consenting Patients/Residents (Tool: Memory Risk Calculator)

### Memory Quick Screen (MQS)

- Nursing staff conduct “Memory Quick Screen”- 3 word recall, animal naming & clock drawing (Tool: Memory Quick Screen)

#### Normal Memory Quick Screen (MQS)

- Nursing staff congratulate Patient/Resident & repeat screen in 2 years (Tool: How to Keep your Brain Healthy handout)
- Nursing staff record screening results (Tool: Initial Screening Tracker)

#### Abnormal Memory Quick Screen (MQS)

- Nursing staff schedule “Full Cognitive Assessment” (Tool: Letter to Patient/Resident for Full Cognitive Assessment)
- Nursing staff conduct Full Cognitive Assessment (Tool: Dementia Assessment Guide)
- Nursing staff record Screening and Full Cognitive Assessment results (Tool: Initial Screening Tracker, Full Cognitive Assessment Tracker)

## Phase 3 (Review & Diagnosis)

### Primary Care Physician Assessment

- Nursing staff sends all assessments (MRC, MQS, Dementia Interview Guide) to the Patient/Resident’s Primary Care Physician for review
- Primary Care Physician meets with Patient/Resident to discuss results and to make diagnosis if appropriate
- Link newly diagnosed Dementia Patients/Residents and their caregivers with the local Alzheimer Society for support