

Primary Care Geriatric Assessment Clinic



Primary Care Practice

DEMENTIA SCREENING

Patients identified due to changes in function, cognition, and/or behaviour

Not a sudden change →

Sudden change →

CAM

If CAM-

If CAM+

Delirium workup

Book appointment with Geriatric Assessor at PC-GA clinic

Patients are asymptomatic but at high risk for cognitive impairment

Mini-Cog +/- Animal Naming

If positive →

If negative ↓

Reassess

Geriatric Assessor

ASSESSMENT

Assessment

Obtain information on:

- Date of onset
- Progression
- Symptoms: ABC
 - ✓ A: ADL/IADL: Function
 - ✓ B: Behaviour changes
 - ✓ C: Cognitive deficits
- Medication Review
- Postural vitals
- MOCA or MMSE
- Screen for mobility/falls & consider falls assessment
- Screen for geriatric giants

Impression:

- Rule out delirium, depression, MCI and reversible causes
- Identify potential contributors to falls and other geriatric giants

GA consults with Geriatrician

Geriatric Assessor (GA) assesses patient at the PC-GA clinic

RECOMMENDATIONS

GA provides written summary and recommendations to Family Physician

May include any of the following:

- Recommendations to GP
- Recommendations to Client
- Referral to Specialized Geriatric Services if client needs diagnosing
- Referral to Geriatric Psychiatry if client needs management of behaviour related to dementia
- Referral to First Link if client/family need education/ support
- Referral to CCAC if client and family need respite
- Other community services if client needs more services

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